

**MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
GENERAL SESSION  
2014 RNC WINTER MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2014  
RENAISSANCE DOWNTOWN DC  
WASHINGTON, DC**

Chairman Reince Priebus called the General Session of the Republican National Committee (“RNC” or “Committee”) to order at 10:25 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014, at the Renaissance Downtown DC in Washington, DC.

Chairman Priebus recognized Rosie Tripp (National Committeewoman (“NCW”) New Mexico), who offered the invocation. Bob Kabel (National Committeeman (“NCM”) DC) 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); RNC General Counsel John Ryder (NCM Tennessee) and RNC Chief of Staff Mike Shields.

Chairman Priebus identified the members serving on the Proxy Committee: John Hammond (NCM Indiana); Jonelle Fulmer (NCW Arkansas); Roger Villere (State Chairman (“SC”) Louisiana); Chanel Prunier (NCW Massachusetts); Charlie Copeland (SC Delaware); Pat Rogers (NCM New Mexico) Cindy Siddoway (NCW Idaho); Sandye Kading (NCW South Dakota); and Keith Downey (SC Minnesota). Chairman Priebus also announced Mr. Hammond 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, Mr. Hammond, who announced the Proxy Committee had received and reviewed thirty-five (35) proxies and found all of them to be in order. Mr. Hammond moved to accept the Proxy Committee report. Without objection, the Proxy Committee report was accepted.

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 Summer Meeting. Steve Duprey (NCM New Hampshire) so moved. Steve Scheffler (NCM Iowa) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote and the Minutes of the 2013 Summer Meeting were approved.

Chairman Priebus then asked the Committee to observe a moment of silence and prayer for Richard Williamson, former National Committeeman for Illinois.

The Chairman then asked the Committee to ratify the new RNC National Committeemen: Richard Porter (NCM Illinois); Alex Willette (NCM Maine) and Chris Tiedeman (NCM Minnesota) per Rule 4(a). Louis Pope (NCM Maryland) so moved. Jack Dorgan (SC Illinois) seconded, and the motion to ratify passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Priebus next recognized and congratulated the new State Chairmen: Susan Hutchison (SC Washington); and David Sunderland (SC Vermont).

Chairman Priebus then announced the results of the Site Selection Committee elections held in the Regional Breakfasts on Friday morning:

Southern Region: Jonathan Barnett (NCM Arkansas); Jeanne Luckey (NCW Mississippi); Alternate: Linda Herren (NCW Georgia)

Midwest Region: Steve Scheffler (NCM Iowa); Sandy Boehler (NCW North Dakota); Alternate: John Hammond (NCM Indiana)

Northeastern Region: Steve Duprey (NCM New Hampshire); Jill Homan (NCW DC); Alternate: Christine Toretta (NCW Pennsylvania)

Western Region: Damond Watkins (NCM Idaho); Betti Hill (NCW Montana); Alternate: Shawn Steele (NCM California).

Chairman Priebus announced Enid Mickelsen (NCW Utah) would serve as the Chairman of the Site Selection Committee.

Chairman Priebus next gave his report. The Chairman gave an overview of the current operational efforts the RNC is engaged in and presented a short video on the topic.

Chairman Priebus introduced Co-Chairman Day to present her report. Ms. Day gave her report. She highlighted the continued efforts of the Co-Chairman's office to engage women to become more engaged in politics and encourage them to run for elective office.

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

Mr. Ryder then gave the General Counsel's Report, updating the Committee on Rules, Resolutions, and litigation and redistricting.

Chairman Priebus asked Mike Shields, Chief of Staff, to deliver his report. Mr. Shields presented his report. He gave an update on the RNC ground game work and highlighted the technological improvement efforts relating to digital and data.

Chairman Priebus next called on Carolyn McLarty (NCW Oklahoma), Resolutions Committee Chairman, to deliver her report to the Committee. Ms. McLarty explained that twelve (12) resolutions were presented to the Resolutions Committee. She stated that one (1) resolution had been postponed until the next meeting. The Committee recommended the adoption of eleven (11) resolutions. They were: Resolution Regarding the Centennial Monetary Commission; Resolution Warning that China's Peaceful Rise May Not Be Peaceful; Resolution to Repeal the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA); Resolution Regarding Federal Control Through Government Regulation; Resolution to Restore United States Military Morale; Resolution to Renounce the National Security Agency's Surveillance Program; Resolution on a Republican Pro-Life Strategy; Resolution in Support of Taking Back Public Lands; Resolution Recognizing the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; and two (2) memorial resolutions: Resolution Commending the Life and Honoring the Memory of Demarus Carlson; and Resolution Commending the Life and Honoring the Memory of Richard Williamson. Chairman Priebus then stated that without objection, the Committee would vote on the Resolutions as a whole. Jonelle Fulmer (NCW Arkansas) objected to the motion and a vote was taken on pulling one resolution out of the body as a whole. A voice vote was taken and the motion failed to pass. Ron Phillips (State Chairman DC) seconded the motion to vote on the resolutions as a whole. The motion to vote on the resolutions as a whole passed by voice vote. The eleven (11) resolutions were passed.

Chairman Priebus next asked Ron Kaufman (NCM Massachusetts), the Budget Committee Chairman, to present his report. Mr. Kaufman presented his report summarizing the proposed 2014 budget and then moved to adopt the 2014 Budget which had previously been approved by the Budget and the Executive Committees. The motion was seconded by James Smack (NCM Nevada) and discussion ensued. A vote was then taken and the motion to adopt the 2014 Budget 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 stated that the Rules Committee had focused its efforts on the consolidation of the rule amendment proposals submitted by the Rules Subcommittee, which had been tasked with studying the rules regarding delegate selection and timing of states' presidential primaries, caucus, or convention. He stated that the Committee then moved on to six (6) timely submitted amendments under the procedure outlined in Rule 12. He stated that the entire package passed through the Rules Committee. Mr. Ash then moved the adoption of the

Rule amendment package as submitted. Steve King (NCM Wisconsin) seconded the motion and discussion ensued.

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.

A.J. Spiker (SC Iowa) raised a point of information regarding the amendment proposed for Rule 16(c)(3). Mr. Spiker asked whether the language would apply to winner-take-all states. Randy Evans (NCM Georgia) clarified that it would not apply to those states. J.L. Spray (SC Nebraska) raised a point of information regarding the amendment proposed for Rule 20(d), specifically whether the clause “non-Republican control” would apply to a legislature elected upon a non-partisan basis. Mr. Ryder informed him that in this case non-partisan would qualify as non-Republican.

Morton Blackwell (NCM Virginia) moved to amend the amendment proposed for Rule 16(c)(2), proposing to replace “March 15<sup>th</sup>” with “March 31<sup>st</sup>.” Marti Halverson (NCW Wyoming) seconded the motion and discussion ensued. Jeff Kent (NCM Washington) moved the previous question on the amendment proposal. Mr. Smack seconded the motion and the motion to call the question passed. A standing non-counted vote was then taken on Mr. Blackwell’s amendment to amend the proposal to Rule 16(c)(2). The motion failed to pass.

Mr. Blackwell moved to amend the amendment proposed for Rule 20(a) to change “45” to “35.” Ashley Ryan (NCW Maine) seconded the motion and discussion ensued. Jeff Kent (NCM Washington) moved the previous question on the amendment proposal. Mr. Smack seconded the motion and the motion for the previous question passed by voice vote. A non-counted standing vote was then taken on Mr. Blackwell’s amendment to amend the proposal to Rule 20(a). The motion failed to pass.

Mr. Phillips moved the previous question on the rules amendment package. Doyle Webb (SC Arkansas) seconded the motion and the motion for the previous question passed by voice vote.

A standing counted vote was then taken on the original motion to adopt the rules package as a whole. The motion passed by a vote of 153 to 9.

Chairman Priebus then made final announcements.

Chairman Priebus then recognized Ms. Ryan who expressed her opinion regarding a potential contradiction between the amended Rule 16(a)(2) and Rule 37(b). Chairman Priebus stated that there were two (2) more meetings where the Rules could be amended under Rule 12

Chairman Priebus then called for a motion to adjourn the General Session of the 2014 RNC Summer Meeting. A motion was made and Ryan Call (SC Colorado) seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 12:05 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)  
Secretary, Republican National Committee