

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Party Chairman Tammy Hooper
Cc: Wyoming Republican Party Central Committee Members
FR: Straw Poll Rules Committee Chairman Bill Novotny, III
RE: Guidelines for Nonbinding Precinct Caucuses Straw Poll and Release of National Committee Delegates and Alternates Selected elected at the County Conventions
DT: January 9, 2012

As directed by the Chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party, the Standing Committee on the 2012 Straw Poll has created the guidelines for the Wyoming Republican Party Straw Poll. The rules were ratified by the Central Committee of the Wyoming Republican Party on November 12, 2011.

County Caucuses and Conventions:

As established at the August 27, 2011, meeting of the Wyoming Republican Party State Central Committee, County Conventions may be held between March 6, 2012, and March 10, 2012. County Party Chairman is strongly encouraged to hold their County Conventions on March 6, 2012, coinciding with the planned Colorado and Kansas caucuses. The date for the Precinct Caucuses will be determined in accordance with the Bylaws of the Republican Party and can occur between February 9 and 29, 2012.

County Chairman will conduct the Official Wyoming Republican Party Straw Poll at the Precinct Caucuses and the County Conventions will serve as the selection process for 12 Delegates and 12 Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Straw Poll:

The Straw Poll guidelines will be adhered to for the Precinct Caucuses.

Each County will hold a straw poll of registered Republicans for the selection of the Republican Nominee for President of the United States.

Press: Each County Party Chairman will determine if their Precinct Caucus and County Convention are an open or closed press event. The County Chairman or the county's designated spokesperson will release the results of the straw poll to their local media outlets only. All statewide press will be handled by the State Party Chairman or her appointed designee.

Participants: To participate in the Wyoming Republican Party Straw Poll, the individual must be a Registered Republican and may only vote in the county caucus of their voter registration.

It will be the responsibility of the County Party Chairman to procure the list of Registered Republicans from the respective County Clerk 1 (one) business day prior to the Precinct Caucuses. The County Party Secretary and two additional designees will serve as the credentials committee and will use the current roster of Registered Republicans to allow entrance to the

Precinct Caucuses. Children under the age of 18 will be admitted to the event for educational purposes, but they not be allowed to participate in the straw poll.

Provisional straw poll votes will not be granted. It is the responsibility of a prospective participant to have their name appear on the rolls of Registered Republicans prior to the Precinct Caucuses.

Process: The County Party Chairman or their designee will call the Precinct Caucuses to order, conduct the pledge of allegiance and the invocation. The Straw Poll participants will be directed to designated tables or areas based on the individuals voting precinct. Precincts can be combined based on the total number of participants.

Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman will serve as the teller committees for the caucus groups. The tellers will ask each Straw Poll participant to cast their vote for a declared Republican candidate for President of the United States. The tellers will record the number of votes received for each candidate on their teller sheet which will be prepared by the Wyoming Republican Party prior to event and distributed to the County Party Chairs on February 1, 2012.

When all of the straw poll participants have cast their votes, the teller committee will tally the votes and deliver the results to the County Party Chairman. The County Party Chairman and the county party officers will tabulate the total results when all of the precinct groups have completed their Straw Poll voting. The County Party Chairman will then announce the results starting with the Presidential candidate receiving the fewest votes until announcing the candidate who has won the Straw Poll.

County Party Chairman must electronically forward the results of Precinct Caucus Straw Poll within two (2) hours of the completion to the State Party Chairman. The State Party Chairman will be responsible for tabulating the results of the twenty-three (23) Counties and release the information to media and campaigns of the declared Republican Presidential Candidates. The State Party Chairman will embargo the Straw Poll results until all continues have completed their Precinct Caucuses and the total results can be released in block. The State Party Chairman must release the Straw Poll results within forty-eight (48) hours of the final Precinct Caucus.

Selection of Twelve Delegates and Twelve Alternate Delegates to the National Convention:

At the County Conventions, 12 delegates to the National Convention will be selected.

The Counties of Natrona, Carbon, Laramie, Lincoln, Sublette, Park, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson Weston, Niobrara, and Platte will select one (1) delegate per county to the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

The Counties of Albany, Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Fremont, Hot Sprints, Laramie, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Teton and Uinta will select one (1) alternate delegate per county to the 2012 Republican National Convention.

Laramie is the “super county” in 2012 and will select both a Delegate and an Alternate to the Republican National Convention.

The respective individuals selected at the County Party Conventions as Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention must declare their intention to select a Presidential Candidate or declare themselves as undecided.

The County Party Chairman will forward the results of the delegate selection process to the State Party Chairman to be submitted to the Republican National Committee and media outlets.

The declaration of support for a Presidential Candidate by Delegates and Alternate Delegates at the County Party Conventions from Natrona, Carbon, Laramie, Lincoln, Sublette, Park, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson Weston, Niobrara, and Platte Counties shall be considered binding. Delegates and Alternate Delegates who decide to withdraw or change their support for a Republican Presidential Candidate must notify the Wyoming Republican Party Chairman in writing within five (5) days of their new declaration of support.

Wyoming’s remaining twelve (12) of Delegates and thirteen (12) of Alternate Delegates will be selected at the Wyoming Republican State Convention in Cheyenne on April 14, 2012.

The Wyoming State Party Chairman, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman are automatically selected as delegates to the 2012 Republican National Committee. These automatic delegates will not be bound to release their candidate selection on when the State Party Chairman announces the straw poll results and the names of Wyoming’s twelve (12) Delegates and eleven (11) Alternate Delegates to the National Convention.

Special consideration is given to the Wyoming National Committeewoman who also serves as the Co-Chair of the 2012 Republican National Convention and her desire to retain her impartiality in the selection process for the Republican Nominee for President of the United States.

Legal Notifications:

Pursuant to Article III, Section (2) Meetings, Subsection (b): the County Chairman must notify the County Clerk of the intention to hold a Precinct Caucus and County Convention not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.