

Resolution for Impartiality in the Conduct of Party Business

June 24, 2006

Whereas, The Chair (and the Vice-Chair to the extent she assists with his duties) of the Utah Republican Party represents all party members and delegates, including those with whom they may occasionally disagree; and

Whereas, both the State Party Constitution and By-laws recognize Robert's Rules of Order as governing party meetings beyond provisions in the Constitution and By-laws; and

Whereas, Robert's Rules states that "...the Chair's necessary position of impartiality [is to be maintained] to preserve an objective and impersonal approach, especially when serious division of opinion arise"; and

Whereas, State delegates rightfully should expect the Chair, other Party officers, and Party staff to exercise impartiality in the performance of all their official duties; and

Whereas, The trust and confidence that is necessary for grassroots Party members to invigorate campaigns and enable electoral success is negatively affected when the Party exhibits bias and allocates Party resources to advance a particular agenda while disregarding opposing viewpoints; and

Whereas, The Chair is accountable by his position for the expenditure of Party resources to mail a letter on Party letterhead dated May 10, 2006, to state delegates advocating a yes vote on the Article XII delegate reallocation constitutional amendment; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the State Central Committee directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to produce an amendment to the Party Rules to require the impartiality of the Party's officers, staff, and operations, and to explicitly prohibit the use of Party resources to advocate a particular Party vote or position without providing an equal resource opportunity for qualified Party members or delegates with opposing viewpoints to be heard; and be it further

Resolved, That the Constitution and Bylaws committee shall prepare this amendment before the next regular State Central Committee meeting, and present their recommendation at that meeting.

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