

Montrose County Republican Party  
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting  
February 8, 2017

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Riba called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Reverend Isler gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Becky Waugh.

**Introductions:** Chairman Riba announced the appointed committee members for the purpose of the meeting as follows: Parliamentarian - Sharon Mitchell, Timer - Brian White, Sargent-at-Arms - Sheriff Dunlap, Rules - Kay Heinschel, Teller Committee - Tressa Guynes, and Credentials - Rosemary Murphy.

**Comments by guests or candidates for other offices:** Chairman Riba explained the purpose of the meeting and called for guest comments. He then gave a report from State Party Chairman, Steve House, and read a letter from Jeff Hays, candidate for state party chairman. Chairman Riba then gave a recap of events during his chairmanship and his parting comments.

**Adoption of Official Credentials Committee Report:** Rosemary Murphy was then recognized and reported that out of 66 qualified voting members 40 were present at the meeting. She then moved for the adoption of the report. Not requiring a second, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Riba then declared a quorum present to continue.

**Adoption of Agenda and Rules:** Kay Heinschel asked to dispense of the reading of the published rules and called for a motion to adopt the Standing Rules and Bi-laws. The motion was passed.

**Nominations of Candidates and Candidate Speeches:** Chairman Riba recognized Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Sue Hansen, for the purpose of announcing the committee's nominee for chairman.

**Chair:** Sue nominated Geoff Schram and Bob Brown seconded the nomination. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dr. Canfield and seconded by Ed Ulibarri. Geoff Schram accepted the nomination and took questions from the committee. Chairman Riba then called for balloting by colored paper ballot, and following a private count by the Teller Committee Tressa Guynes read the result: 27 votes for; 13 un-voted.

**1st Vice Chair:** Sue Hansen nominated Spencer Hamner and Elaine Pigford seconded. Chairman Riba called for any further nominations and Tressa Guynes nominated Dave Laursen. Doris Vanness seconded his nomination. Sheriff Dunlap made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Dr. Canfield. Both candidates gave speeches and took questions from the committee. The Teller Committee results were reported as follows: 40 ballots submitted; Hamner - 22, Laursen - 18. Spencer Hamner is elected 1st Vice Chairman.

**2nd Vice Chair:** Sue Hansen announced that there was no name to submit for the position when Doris Vanness nominated Dave Laursen and it was seconded by Dr. Canfield. Upon his acceptance a ballot vote was called for. The results reported: 31 votes for and 9 un-voted.

**Secretary:** Sue Hansen nominated Charli Oswald and it was seconded by Barb Hulet. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dr. Canfield and seconded by Jay Jutten. Upon acceptance and no questions a ballot vote was taken and the Teller Committee reported 40 ballots in favor.

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**Bonus Members:** Nominations were called by the Chairman. Sue Hansen announced the candidates as follows: Doug Caspier whose nomination was 2nd by Ed Ulibarri; Barb Hulet, seconded by Brian White; Kay Heinschel, seconded by Jim Isler; Rick Fellabaum, seconded by Glen Davis; Dianna Coram, seconded by Bob Brown. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dr. Canfield and seconded by Glen Davis.

Tricia Joy was recognized on behalf of Doug Caspier who asked that his name be withdrawn. Barb Hulet also asked for her name to be withdrawn.

Kay Heinschel accepted the nomination.

Rick Fellabaum asked that his name be withdrawn.

Bob Brown spoke on behalf of Dianna Coram who accepts the nomination.

Committee Member Becky Waugh requests that Barb Hulet's name be reconsidered for nomination. Chairman Riba called for a hand vote on the request. The results were 25 in favor and 6 against. Barb Hulet's name is resubmitted for consideration.

Upon colored ballot vote for all three candidates the results were: 39 for Kay Heinschel; 19 for Barb Hulet; 19 for Dianna Coram. A second vote was taken to break the tie and the ballot results were 19 for Barb Hulet; 20 for Dianna Coram.

Kay Heinschel and Dianna Coram are elected Bonus Members.

**Committee Chairs:** Chairman Riba read the names submitted for the following committees: Strategy and Planning - Tricia Joy; Public Relations - Kerri Catlin; Fund Raising - Deb Hunter. Dr. Canfield made a motion that nominations be closed; it was seconded by Kay Heinschel. The nominees were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Central Committee Vacancy Committee Members:** Chairman Riba read the following names: Brian White, Barb Hulet, Dave Laursen, Sue Hansen, Kerri Catlin, Gerry Witt and Tricia Joy. A motion was made by Doris Vanness for approval; seconded by Elaine Pigford.

The Vacancy Committee Members were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Ratification:** A motion was made by Sharon Mitchell for ratification of the results of the proceedings. It was seconded by Glen Davis and adopted by way of a voice vote.

**Remarks and Announcements:** Chairman Riba reported on the Colorado Republican State Central Committee Meeting to be held Saturday, April 1 at Englewood High School.

The members then gave standing ovation applause to Chairman Riba for his leadership and thanked the vacating committee members for their service.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Canfield made a motion to convene the meeting; seconded by Glen Davis. Chairman Riba adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Charli Oswald  
MCRP Secretary