

UTGOP Constitution Amendment that enables State Delegates to: Vacate the At-Large Membership of the State Central Committee

Purpose: Recent events have demonstrated several unexpected, unproductive, and unacceptable activities occurring during State Central Committee (SCC) meetings that may adversely impact state delegate rights and the UTGOP:

1. A significant group of SCC members has engaged in tactics to disrupt meetings and call emergency meetings that are difficult to attend on short notice, these meetings often serve personal interests. The SCC has become so dysfunctional that, of our body, we have about 50 disruptive members, and 20 non-disruptive members attending meetings, out of about 184 members (38%).
2. These disruptions have resulted in no significant business being conducted since the election of this committee a year ago (in this, an important election year) that promotes our Platform, helps elect our candidates, or supports our elected officials.
3. These at-large SCC members have been fixated on taking responsibilities away from the state-delegate-elected officers, effectively tipping the balance of power in the UTGOP away from the state delegates and towards the county delegates.
4. Since the SCC quorum requirement is just 40 members, this significant group has taken it upon themselves to pass Bylaw amendments that are illegal, and threaten to remove our Republican candidates from the ballot in November. Fortunately, UTGOP Chairman Anderson has been able to thwart these activities...for now.

This amendment allows the Chair, during a Nominating Convention, to present state delegates with an opportunity to hit the “reset” button on a rogue SCC, and ask counties to provide new at-large SCC representatives so the UTGOP can continue conducting legitimate business for the party in an election year.

Effective Date: This amendment would take effect immediately if passed by a 2/3 vote of the attendees at the 2018 State Republican Nominating Convention. At that time, the Chairman could exercise this option, allowing the State Delegates to have a say they would not otherwise have in the membership and direction of the UTGOP SCC.

Impact: This amendment:

- 1) Allows the UTGOP Chair to place a motion before the state delegates, only at Nominating Conventions, to vacate the at-large membership of the SCC.
- 2) Exempts State-Delegate-elected: Party Officers, the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman
- 3) Exempts the Chair and Vice-Chair of each County Party
- 4) Exempts Presidents or Chairs of organizations designated as Party Auxiliaries by the State Central Committee
- 5) Exempts the following elected officials, if Republicans: Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, the Republican leader in both the Utah House and Utah Senate, designated voting representatives for Republican U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, and the Lieutenant Governor attending State Central Committee meetings when the Governor is absent.

Method of submission and consideration: Article X section B of the UTGOP Constitution allows: “This Constitution may also be amended by 2/3 vote of Delegates present at the State Convention.”

Proposed amendment:

UTAH REPUBLICAN PARTY CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE III

1. **Chair.** The State Party Chair shall serve, as Chair of the State Central Committee, and as Chair of the State Executive Committee. The Chair may appoint, subject to the approval of the State Central Committee, Party personnel and the General Counsel. The State Party Chair shall serve as liaison with the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah on all matters relating to state election laws. The term of office shall be two years. The chair also may, at his discretion, and in conjunction with a regularly called Nominating Convention with at least a majority of delegates in attendance, place a motion before the assembly to vacate the at-large membership of the State Central Committee by a 2/3 vote. And he shall request that the counties replace those members in accordance with their bylaws within 90 days.

Submitted by **Karece Thompson** for the April 20 2018 UTGOP Nominating Convention