

DCRP Special EC Meeting: Credentials Challenge & Convention Details

4/13/26

7pm

Zoom

In accordance with our party bylaws, I am calling a Special Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the credentialing challenge which we discussed last Monday in Legislative District 16. The meeting will be held on April 13th at 7 p.m. Thank you for your service.

Agenda

Quorum verified

- ★ Prayer—Jennifer Savage
- ★ Pledge-none said
- ★ Report on Credentials Challenge: Explanation by Don of email from a person upset about the credential challenge asking that Don answer 13 questions within 3 hours. Don responded with a statement about the credential chair and leg chair has reviewed the election results.
 - Jim explained his review process.
 - Evaluate how many people were credentialed and whether the credentialing was valid or not
 - Letter of the law
 - No precincts did not have some errors, but every person was doing the best they could.

Continuum of Evaluation of malicious behavior verses perfect following all rules

- Report recommendation: No consideration was taken to anything beside the paperwork that we have now from caucus.

6 precinct caucuses were evaluated.

Findings: Credential Challenge Report

4 county delegates are recommended to be replaced

Bruce Finch then reviewed the paperwork from the challenged caucuses.

Bruce identified votes as best he could, then used gap analysis. His findings shifted 3 precincts' representation significantly.

LA06 used a limited voting method (not allowed in the bylaws), so replacement was needed there. The precinct chair wanted to look at the absentee ballots to see if they could be validated.

Bruce's role is to look at hard data as well as conducting interviews. Based on information found, he was able to match up envelopes turned in with hash marks used by Norm to identify absentee ballots and identify people on the list—all but 3 were Republicans. The closest gap was 22 votes away, so that one Bruce recommends to leave as is.

Bruce has met with some of the precinct chairs to review the paperwork from their election results together.

All changes need to be made by Wednesday in-order for the new delegates, if any, can be correctly credentialed at the county convention.

Jim's comment: Questioning procedure for evaluation for credential challenge. Presume that the elections were done correctly and only evaluate the challenged precincts rather than everything. Add things learned to playbook for the future. It would have perhaps been less work.

Marc Van Oene: Suggested that caucus results are not to be questioned per bylaws via Robert's rules.

Don: No, bylaws allow for credential challenges.

Parliamentarian, Olivia Dawn: Robert's rules allow for credential challenges.

Don: 7 precincts were challenged and 7 precincts were reviewed

The plaintiff was grateful that the challenge has been taken seriously.

Bruce has a new methodology to review election results looking for a gap between credentialed voters and the number of ballots. If it will make a difference then consideration is taken to remove delegates, if not original election results are kept.

Don: proposal to review what Bruce has so far.

Brian Oswald: Yes, for replacement of delegates, leg chair is to consult with the precinct chair. No EC vote is required.

Bruce results with no action recommended thus far. He wants to review the documentation further and is certain about the results.

Possibly replace county delegates in LA 06, and LA 42.

Bruce wants to treat the absentee ballots the same as the ballots cast by those in attendance. We should represent the intent of the voters. Delegate challenges can still be made on the convention floor on Saturday.

The process Bruce plans to follow includes: for LA 06, using the check-in sheet to see how attendees were credentialed (check mark for attendee, dash for absentee ballot), added 13 names on the last page in pencil. We don't have addresses or voter ID for those. Verifying with those that did have it. Based on those, cross-referencing the dashes and matching those up. He was able to narrow

the gap from 27 to 3. He plans to continue that for the other precincts to finalize numbers. If the gap is 3 or less, then he is not going to worry about making any changes.

Marc van Oene had a question about a delegate replacing him. Neither him nor his vice chair will be able to be at the convention. He has a precinct chair that will stand in place for him for the one state delegate that needs to be elected. His question is, can the precinct chair fill in as a county delegate?

Bruce is asking if he could fill in for his spot (ex officio) or an unvoted spot. The precinct chair can fill in for the vacant spot, but not for the ex officio spot. A regular county delegate vacancy can be appointed by the leg chair.

★ Final Convention Planning

- Brian Schott (Tribune editor) will come to convention
- Don to bring some Red and Blue table cloths—any other decor for our tables to look better than an EQ table?
- Need 15 more volunteer spots
- Lisa working on TARS volunteers
- Don has sent an email asking for more help
- School wifi will be available, Bruce has a hot spot if we want to use it
 - Contact Spencer at 801-678-3516 for WIFI password
- Tom Clay wants to make sure the media is behaving themselves
- Concern about someone impersonating another. We can't ban people from coming to convention, but we can ask him to leave if he's inappropriate,
- Can someone video tape event on Wednesday for the county commissioner debate?