

Excerpts from 7-13-2017 MCRC BRIEFS

Navajo County GOP Chairman Steven Slaton, 1st Vice Chr Karen M. Mackean, And 2nd Vice Chair Paul Corathers To All Republican Elected Representatives In The State Of Arizona: We, the duly elected PC's, State Committeemen, County and LD Chairman are faced with a serious situation here in Arizona.

The recently elected AZGOP State Chairman Jonathan Lines, and his appointed AZGOP executive Director **Matt Kenney**, are in serious breach of the AZGOP bylaws and Arizona State statutes.

(2005 Arizona revised Statutes – Revised Statutes 16-823 Legislative district Committee Referencing Organization: 38-431, 38-431.03, 16-807, 16-827, 16-906, 16-907). All of this has been documented in the MCRC briefs, starting June 19, 2017 forward (2 days after the AZGOP By-Law Meeting in Flagstaff, Az.) Including a very detailed documented overview of our concerns on July 8, 2017! Go to: archives.mcrcbriefs.org .

Added NOTE: As of 7-13-2017 through 12/2/2017 no resignations and a recall effort failed.” **BMP**

We are now asking for the AZGOP Chairman Johnathan Lines and Matt Kenney's resignation. These breaches of the AZGOP required statues and by-laws have been completely ignored and more importantly facts & documentation have shown both **Chairman Lines and Matt Kenney have lied** to the duly elected body of the AZGOP about these specific requirements they refused to carryout upon Chairman Lines election. Because this affects all REPUBLICANS here in Arizona and, quite frankly, around the country we ask for your support in upholding the law and return our AZGOP to its charter of integrity.

President Trump is Draining the Swamp in DC and we intend to do the same here in Arizona! As elected representatives of the people, **you are being asked to step up**, take this seriously and listen to your constituents who are the very PC's, State Committeemen, County Chairmen and LD Chairmen who have been ignored by Chairman Lines for the past 6 months. Also, to the candidates who may be running for office in 2018, we ask the same of you. If you consider this party's actions acceptable, you may want to reconsider your position.

“Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.”

Former LD15 Secretary Archie Dickson is circulating a petition throughout Arizona requesting that the Arizona State Legislature amend Arizona Revised Statute Code Section 16-828 to prohibit the use of proxies at political party votes, or limit their use to no more than two (2) proxies per carrier. He said the amendment is needed due to “those out there who recruit people to become Precinct Committeemen not because they will attend meetings or because they will work on party programs. They are recruited for the simple reason that their Proxy can be obtained and that allows a few people to have a large voting presence. thereby controlling the outcome of elections. One of the planks in the Republican party platform is to control voter fraud. Yet in their own internal elections they not only condone voter fraud, they encourage it. To help put an end to political party voter fraud, please sign the petition. Just click on the link below and the petition will appear. Complete the information then click on the signature block and you can sign on your computer by using the mouse or on your Iphone, or android by using your finger.”

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ADDED NOTE: You can still sign the petition AS OF 12/1/2017. Please do so. - BMP

Bruce M Piepho, Cochise County State Committee: *“In order to facilitate the effort to clean up the AZGOP and drain the Phoenix swamp; I have been working to clean up the accuracy for LD14 State committee man/woman information. In the next week, I will send for confirmation of name, address, email, phone number. This needs to be done as the permanent AZGOP records are not in the controlled possession of the AZGOP Secretary, Gabby Mercer. A glaring disrespect for PCs, State Committeewomen/women, officers of Republican committees and ALL Arizona Republicans has been the abuse of proxies in the last several years. This abuse has taken on the **usage of tens to hundreds of proxies carried by one person to the AZGOP meetings.** This abuse has silenced the will of the PCs, allowed the undeserving to retain a grip on power or control and cast a negative reflection upon the Arizona Republican Party.”*

As of 12/1/2017: The known activities are to present 2 resolutions to the AZGOP resolutions committee and pursue legislative support for changing some of the A.R.S. to make the political parties more accountable. The resolutions for proxy abuse elimination and fair, accountable and transparent AZGOP elections.

Focus in the immediate time to the AZGOP mandatory meeting on 1/27/2018 is on the resolutions. After the meeting efforts will shift to the state legislature which begins in January 2018. **A third resolution** will focus on proxy prevention which may look like the following.

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Suggested A.R.S. Change**

16-828. Proxies

A. A political party may choose, through its bylaws, to allow the use of proxies at its meetings, in which event the following shall be minimum regulations:

1. No proxy shall be given by a member of the state committee for use at a meeting of the committee except to a qualified elector of the county where the member resides.
2. No proxy shall be given by a member of the county committee for use at a meeting of the committee except to a qualified elector of the precinct where the member resides.

3. No proxy carrier shall have more than two proxies and they may not transfer the proxies to a third person at the meetings.

B. The duration of any proxy so given shall extend only for the length of the meeting for which it is given.

C. Every proxy shall be attested by a notary public or two witnesses.

D. These provisions shall apply to all PC meetings; state, county and Legislative Districts.

Another state law change may be: 16-825. State committee

The state committee of each party shall consist, in addition to the chairman of the several county committees, of one member of the county committee for every three members of the county committee elected pursuant to section 16-821. The state committeemen shall be chosen at the first meeting of the county committee from the committee's elected membership.

The ARS never defined the purpose of the party, only basic organization for voting purposes. However, the ARS did state, "E. The minimum duties of a precinct committeeman shall be to assist his political party in voter registration and to assist the voters of his political party to vote on election days. Additional duties shall be as provided for in the state committee bylaws of the party of which he is a member.

Two things, in the state party bylaws there is no purpose, function, or reason given for the party, and no duties for precinct committeemen. **That has led to the party becoming only a secondary campaign committee for primary winners, APATHY on the part of precinct committeemen, and autocracy by the leadership.**

The first cat out of the box should be a reason for the party. That may be modeled after the Wikipedia definition.

The next is the method for amendments to the bylaws is vague. Who can submit proposed changes? **Anyone?**

In filling membership vacancies, since the state chair has no say in who was originally elected by the county PCs, why in the heck should he be involved in a replacement? **Just more power to the chair.**

In the statutory and mandatory meeting, what is "other business as may properly come before it." "and who decides other business? It should be listed in the call letter so the members know what to expect.

Jump on to Order of Business. Notice it says, "Unless otherwise determined by the Chairman, the order of business for statutory organizational meetings shall be:" Obviously, this give the state chair complete control over the meeting. And, the same for the mandatory meeting. And item (d),) Credentials Committee report and declaration of quorum;. Nowhere is the assignment or duties of a credentials committee or rules committee stated. For item (i), other business is not defined. It obviously let the chair decide. Committee reports should be listed in order of business by identification. Also, for both the statutory and mandatory meeting we must formally hear from the state chair and that should be noted in the order of business.

To resolutions, there is no time frame given for the appointment of members of the resolutions committee, nor a report to the membership as to who is on the committee. A pig in the poke controlled by the state chair. Time frames and names must be mentioned. Also, floor resolutions must allow for presentation and limited debate.

Conclusion – There is a lot of work to be done to restore confidence, trust and integrity in the AZGOP.