

Chairman Eathorne and the Members of the State Executive Committee,

On April 4, 2022 the Executive Committee of the Laramie County Republican Party met, at the request of the State Executive Committee, to discuss the Laramie County Convention election process for the State Convention Delegates and Alternates.

The Laramie County Executive Committee agrees that there is legitimacy in the claims that were brought forward, and we have all agreed that the process that we have used in years past (and in this recent convention) is not in full accordance with our Bylaws.

The Laramie County Executive Committee has agreed that at our next County Convention we will recommend a clean-up of some of the ambiguities in the delegate and alternate selection portion of our Bylaws and we will use this as an educational experience for our future County Conventions.

We ask that the State Executive Committee give us grace on our error as we would like to see our delegates and alternates seated at the State Convention, using the names and order that were adopted during the Laramie County Convention. While we recognize that names on the alternate list were not listed in the order of votes cast by a secret ballot, we have looked at Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition (RRONR) on how to handle the situation and have found that RRONR gives a textual basis for seating our delegates and handling this matter. Specifically, Robert's Rules notes *"an election may be contested **only** by raising a point of order. The general rule is that such a point of order must be timely."* (RRONR 46:49). Further, we found in RRONR that as an Executive Committee we are unable to address the election challenge *"Because the voting body itself is the ultimate judge of election disputes, only that body has the authority to resolve them...Thus, for example, when an election has been conducted at a membership meeting or in a convention of delegates, an executive board, even one that is given full power and authority over the society's affairs between meetings of the body that conducted the election, may not entertain a point of order challenging, or direct a recount concerning, the announced election results"* (RRONR 46:50). We do not raise this point in an attempt to avoid responsibility for our error but to pave a path forward to seating our delegation while learning a valuable lesson.

The Laramie County Executive Committee also wants to note that almost half of our alternates are already expected to be seated as delegates to the State Convention due to the number of delegates/alternates that have already expressed a change in their plans to attend the State Convention; therefore we believe that most people who expressed interest in attending Convention – whether they were seated as a delegate or an alternate – will still be able to participate in the State Convention. We would not like to see the State Party compound our errors by not seating the Laramie County delegates and alternates to the Convention.

Finally, we ask there to be assurance from the State Executive Committee that our delegates and alternates who attend the Convention in Sheridan will have the opportunity to participate as they will be sacrificing time and financial resources to attend the Convention in May.

Signed,



Dani Olsen, Chair



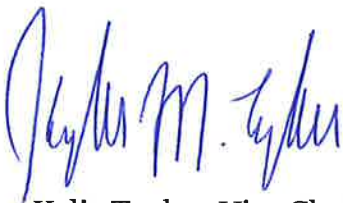
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