BY-LAWS

BANNOCK COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
(Revised December 2, 2010)

ARTICLE I – NAME
The name of this organization shall be The Bannock County Republican Central Committee.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE
The purpose of this organization shall be to promote good government through support of the national and state Republican Parties, and to support Republican candidates.

ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION
This organization shall be affiliated with the national Republican Party and the Idaho State Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP
Membership will be in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS
The officers of the central committee shall consist of a chairman, a state committeeman, a state committeewoman, a first vice-chairman, additional vice chairmen as deemed necessary, a secretary, a treasurer, and a youth committeeman. An executive committee shall be formed to assist in carrying out the business of the central committee. The voting members of the executive committee shall consist of the officers, the legislative district chairmen, four precinct committee members, a Teenage Republican representative, a College Republican representative, a Young Republican representative, and a representative of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women. Ex-officio members of the executive committee include any Bannock County Republican county elected official, any Republican district elected official whose district includes any precincts in Bannock County, and any Idaho Republican party elected officer who resides in Bannock County.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN
It shall be the duty of the county chairman:
1) To execute the duties normally bestowed upon the chief executive officer of an organization.
2) To see that these By-Laws are upheld.
3) To see that a copy of these By-Laws are presented to all members within sixty days of their election and that all new members receive a copy within sixty days of their election.
4) To see that an up-to-date membership roster is issued to the entire membership at least every six months.
5) To see that the other officers perform the functions of their respective offices.
6) To carry out the duties of the County Chairman as specified in the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party.
ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month except when State Law specifies otherwise. Special meetings may be called by the presiding officer or by any five of the precinct committeemen petitioning the secretary. The secretary shall give notice of each regular meeting to each committeeman at least five days prior to the meeting. The notice shall state time and place of the meeting. Notices of special meetings shall be given to each committeeman and the purpose of the meeting given. Regular meetings shall have no binding effect upon the Bannock County Republican Central Committee unless notice was given to each committeeman at least five days prior to the meeting.

Agenda items to be considered for inclusion in the agenda for the regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting must be submitted to the Bannock County Republican Party Secretary and/or Chairman no less than seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. This is to allow all members of the Central Committee adequate time to research the issues and be prepared to debate any resolutions. Any agenda item that is brought forward less than seven (7) business days prior to the regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting will require a ¾ vote of the members present to be included in the agenda. This vote is to be held prior to the adoption of the agenda.

As the Bannock County Central Committee is a private organization and not subject to open meeting laws, any time any member of the press is present, in their function as a member of the press, the Bannock County Central Committee will immediately enter an executive session, without the member of the press present. The only function of the executive session is to be a vote on whether to allow the press to remain at the meeting. This vote must be unanimous in the affirmative for the press to be allowed to remain at the meeting upon taking up normal business again.

ARTICLE VIII – RIGHT TO VOTE

Only the duly elected, or appointed by election, precinct committeemen and members of the executive committee shall be allowed to vote, originate motions, and make nominations at all State Law-mandated meetings. At all other regular and special meetings, precinct committeemen may designate in writing to the chairman one alternate to act in his stead in all matters, provided that the alternate resides with his precinct. Voting members of the Executive Committee may designate in writing to the chairman one alternate to act in his stead in all matters, provided that the alternate resides within Bannock County. The designation of an alternate by a precinct committeeman will be a general designation which is a valid designation and which expires at the earlier of the following: the next general election or when changed by the precinct committeeman. Executive committee members may not cast a vote if they vote in their capacity as a precinct committeeman. Proxy voting shall not be allowed. Precinct committeemen may also appoint, in writing, an alternate from within their precinct for a specific meeting, provided that neither the precinct committeeman nor the designated alternate is able to attend the meeting.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS

Elections to the executive committee shall be in accordance with the election laws of the State of Idaho. All elections of central committee officers and appointment by election of precinct committeemen by the central committee shall be by secret ballot, except in uncontested races, and absentee ballots will not be permitted. All other elections shall be non-secret ballots. Election of delegates to the Republican State Convention shall be by secret ballot. All nominations for officers and delegates and precinct committeemen shall come from the floor, nominating committees shall not be used, and no seconds will be required.
ARTICLE X – FILLING VACANCIES

When there is a vacancy in the central committee of the executive committee, due to resignation or death of the elected individual, or if an elected precinct committeeman permanently moves out of the precinct from which he or she was elected and no longer has a residence therein, prior to the next general election, then the position shall be considered vacant without the necessity of resignation, the secretary shall notify the members of such vacancy. The county chairman shall at the next regular meeting call for nominations to fill such vacancy. After nominations are closed, voting will be by secret ballot, except in an uncontested race. If a vacancy is not filled, the county chairman shall continue to call for nominations at each regular meeting until the position is filled. Once a precinct committeeman has been appointed by election by the central committee, the county chairman shall within ten days certify his election to the Clerk of Bannock County. All persons elected must qualify under the provisions of the election laws of the State of Idaho.

ARTICLE XI – QUORUM

A quorum at any meeting of this organization shall consist of ten precinct committeemen or their designated alternates.

ARTICLE XII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of this organization shall be:
1) Call to order
2) Pledge of allegiance and invocation
3) Roll call
4) Read and approve the minutes of the previous meeting
5) Committee reports
6) Old business
7) New business
8) Adjournment

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES

The county chairman, in consultation with the executive committee, shall have the authority to appoint committee chairman as he deems necessary. Such committee chairman, in consultation with the county chairman, shall appoint their own committee members.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular central committee meeting provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XV – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts’ Rules of Order, Revised shall govern all procedures of this organization not otherwise specified in these By-Laws or the laws of the State of Idaho.