



2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF POLK COUNTY CONVENTION

Holiday Inn Hotel &
Suites—Jordan Creek
6075 Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, Iowa

March 10, 2018

2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF
POLK COUNTY
CONVENTION AGENDA

Registration and Coffee	7:30-8:55am
Seating of Delegates	8:45am
I. Call to Order	9:00am
II. Open and Greeting	
III. Invocation	
IV. Pledge of Allegiance	
V. Updates from Elected Officials, Candidates, and Surrogates	
VI. Appointment of Permanent Convention Chairs	
VII. Report of the Committee on Rules	
VIII. Election of Permanent Convention Officers	
IX. Preliminary Report of the Committee on Credentials	
X. Seating of Alternates	
XI. Republican Party of Polk County Bylaw Amendment	
XII. Additional Updates from Elected Officials, Candidates, Surrogates, and Party Officials	
XIII. Amended Report of the Committee on Credentials	
XIV. Election of District and State Delegates and Alternates	
XV. Election of District and State Committee Members	
XVI. Report of the Committee on Platform	
XVII. Report from Junior Delegates	
XVIII. Adjournment	

2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF POLK COUNTY CONVENTION RULES

- I. Rules of Order: This biennial Convention of the Republican Party of Polk County shall be governed by the Iowa Code §43, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Iowa, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Republican Party of Polk County, and the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order – Newly Revised, shall govern with the exception of any rules adopted by the Convention, but no rule may be in contravention of the Iowa Code.
- II. Agenda: The agenda submitted shall be a part of these rules and items of business may be taken in a different order by the Chair to expedite the business of the Convention. A ruling of the Chair to take business in a different order shall not be subject to an appeal to the floor of the Convention.
- III. Suspension or Amendment: These rules may be suspended or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Delegates of the Convention who are present and voting.
- IV. Rulings of the Chair: The rulings of the Chair shall be considered final unless upon appeal such ruling is overturned by a majority vote of the Delegates who are present and voting. Rulings of the Chair regarding convention speakers shall not be subject to appeal
- V. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of 1/4 of the duly credentialed Delegates. At the point a quorum no longer exists, the remaining platform planks as submitted by the platform committee shall be forwarded as approved and the report of the Junior Delegates shall be accepted.
- VI. Voting: Delegates present and duly credentialed by the Credential Committee at the County Convention shall be the only persons entitled to vote during the Convention. Voting by proxy will not be permitted. All roll call votes will be taken in alpha-numerical order by precinct.
- VII. Prohibited Motions: The Motions Previous Question, Reconsider, Lay on the Table, and Close Nominations shall be out of order during the convention.
- VIII. Rule Amendments: Any proposed amendment to these Rules must be in legible writing or typed, and each amendment must be signed by no fewer than eight (8) credentialed Delegates from at least five (5) different precincts. Each amendment must be on a separate sheet of paper and must clearly indicate the numbered section in these Rules to which it pertains. Each signatory to the amendment must clearly indicate their precinct. Amendments to the Rules must be given to the Rules Committee Chair or the Secretary of the Convention prior to the initial credentials report of the Credentials Committee. The amendments will be marked with the time and date when received by the Secretary of the Convention. Any proposed amendments that comply with the foregoing requirements will be presented to the Rules Committee for consideration. Each proposed amendment shall be read by the Rules Committee Chair prior to the start of debate on the adoption of the Rules with a recommendation from the Rules Committee for adoption or rejection.
- IX. Platform Amendments: Any proposed amendment to the report from the Platform Committee (including new planks or provisions, amendments to insert or to substitute or delete, in whole or in part) must be in legible writing or typed, and each amendment must be signed by no fewer than eight (8) credentialed Delegates from at least five (5) different precincts. Each amendment must be on a separate sheet of paper and must clearly indicate the numbered section in the Platform Committee Report to which it pertains. Each signatory to the amendment must clearly indicate their precinct. Amendments must be given to the Platform Committee Chair or the Secretary of the Convention before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Convention. The amendments will be marked with the time and date when received by the Secretary of the Convention. Any proposed amendment shall be read by the

Platform Committee Chair prior to the start of debate on the Platform with a recommendation from the Platform Committee for adoption or rejection.

- X. Debate: In debate on the rules, the platform, or any other issue, the debate shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes to each side, with no more than one (1) minute per speaker. The Chair shall alternate time between those speaking “for” or “against” a pending motion with those speaking “for” the motion going first. Should the motion lack a speaker, either “for” or “against,” when called by the Chair, that one (1) minute opportunity to speak on the motion shall be forfeited. No Delegate may speak more than once during the debate on platform plank, rule or any amendment thereto. Prior to debating, speakers shall identify themselves by name and precinct. Consideration of the platform shall be by section. There shall be no debate or separate vote on any individual plank of the platform unless an amendment has been properly filed. If platform clarification is needed, the Platform Chair shall give official committee comment. The Platform Chair and Committee shall edit the final platform, including all amendments adopted. They may shorten, clarify, and/or rearrange the order of planks but shall not change the substance or intent of any plank or amendment. The number required to pass an amendment to the report of the County Platform Committee shall be a majority, which is one (1) more than half of the number of Delegates present and voting.
- XI. District Convention Committees: Polk County shall elect five (5) persons from the Delegates to this convention to serve on each of the following committees at the District Convention: Rules, Credentials, Permanent Organization, and Platform. No one person can serve on more than one District Convention Committee. Nominations for a person already elected to a District Committee for service on a second District committee shall be out of order. A second is not required and no nominating speech is allowed. Nominees will be permitted to speak for no more than one (1) minute in order of their nomination.
- XII. District and State Convention Delegates: This Convention shall elect a total of 233 Delegates and 233 Alternate Delegates to the District and State Conventions. A Delegate selected for the District Convention shall automatically be qualified for the State Convention. Delegates to the District and State Conventions shall be selected by the Convention by creating and approving a Delegate List and Alternate Delegate List using the following process:
 - a. Persons listed on the attached Exhibit “A” will be placed on the Delegate List to the District and State Convention.
 - b. Persons elected to the District Convention Committees will be placed on the Delegate List to the District and State Convention.
 - c. The remaining Delegate spots and alternate spots will be selected by a caucus of Delegates at this Convention representing their respective Iowa House districts. The percentage of Delegate spots and Alternate Delegate spots available for each Iowa House district will be equal to the percentage of Delegates elected to this Convention from each Iowa House district elected at the precinct caucuses. For instance if an Iowa House district had 30 delegates elected at their precinct caucus to this Convention and there were 300 total delegates elected at the precinct caucuses to this Convention then they receive 10% of the remaining Delegate spots. If there are 150 remaining Delegate spots then that district shall choose 15 people (“Convention Caucus”) who will be placed on the Delegate List. Alternate Delegates shall be chosen by the same method using the same percentage of Alternate Delegate spots available and placed on the Alternate Delegate List.
 - d. In the event that there are remaining Delegate Spots after the Convention Caucus, persons on the Alternate Delegates List will be moved to the Delegate List at random without regard

to their respective Iowa House districts.

- e. A “Stand-By Delegate List” of persons interested in attending the District and State Conventions who are not otherwise represented at this Convention has been compiled by the County Chair.
- f. In the event that there are remaining Delegates Spots or Alternate Delegate Spots they will be filled at random without regard to their Iowa House district from the “Stand-By Delegate List” first to the spots on the Delegate List and then to the spots on the Alternate Delegate List.
- g. Each person on the Alternate Delegate List shall be assigned a random number to be used for seating priority by the Credentials Committee at the District and State Conventions.
- h. Once the Delegate List and Alternate Delegate List have been completed using this process they will be presented to the Convention for a final approval vote in total.

VIII. Subsequent Conventions: An Alternate Delegate shall be credentialed at the Convention at which the Delegate is absent only. The absence of a Delegate shall not disqualify or impair that Delegates ability to be seated at a subsequent Convention nor shall such absence confer any Delegate rights permanently to an Alternate Delegate seated in their place. Having been seated as a Delegate shall not change the seating priority of the Alternate Delegate to any subsequent Convention.

IX. Delegate Fees: Each Delegate spot to the District and State Conventions requires a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee that covers both Conventions. In the event this fee has not been paid prior to seating at the District Convention, this fee must be paid by either the Delegate or the Alternate Delegate seated in their place. In the event this fee has not been paid prior to seating at the State Convention, this fee must be paid by either the Delegate or the Alternate Delegate seated in their place. Delegates are strongly encouraged to pay the Delegate fees by no later than Friday, April 6, 2018. A Delegate to the District and State Convention shall pay the all requisite Delegate fees, which must be received by the Polk County Republican Party no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018. Those Delegates who that fail to pay the requisite fee on or before such date voluntarily relinquish their standing as a Delegate allowing for the selection of an Alternate Delegate to stand according the rules set forth herein.

X. Convention speakers: Federal candidates or elected officials, or their official representatives, may be recognized and allowed up to five (5) minutes to speak at the discretion of the chair. State Representatives, State Senators, and county elected officials or candidates, or their officials representatives, may be recognized and allowed up to three (3) minutes to speak at the discretion of the chair. The Chair is authorized to recognize such other speakers as are necessary to transact the business of the Convention. The Chair is authorized to request any speaker to suspend remarks for the purpose of maintaining the order or decorum of the Convention. Any literature posted or distributed at the Convention shall be subject to approval of the Chair or their designee.

District Committee Meetings: The Permanent Organization, Rules, Credentialing, and Platform Committee will meet at: West Central Valley High School, 3299 White Pole Road, Stuart, IA 50250, on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

District Convention: The District Convention will convene at: West Central Valley High School, 3299 White Pole Road, Stuart, IA 50250, on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

State Convention: The Republican Party of Iowa State Convention will convene at: The Iowa State Fairgrounds, Jacobsen Center, 3000 E Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317 on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF POLK COUNTY CONVENTION PLATFORM

With trust in God, and in fidelity to generations past and generations to come, we respectfully submit this platform to the Polk County Republican Convention.

As United States citizens and Republicans, we reaffirm our founding documents, which outline the inalienable, natural rights to Life, Liberty, Property and the pursuit of happiness. We support an originalist interpretation of the Constitution and believe the language in the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence is as relevant today as when it was penned. We believe that a properly limited Federal Government will be constrained to its constitutional roles of protecting National Sovereignty and facilitating Interstate Commerce. We also believe the proper relationship of the Federal Government and States will allow the State and Local Governments to maintain decision-making responsibilities for all other issues.

1. LIFE

We carry forward the knowledge of our forefathers that all people are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. We acknowledge the fact that from conception a human being is an individual, distinct from his or her mother, with an inalienable right to life. Therefore, to deliberately take the life of another innocent human - including the unborn, the disabled, the ill, or the elderly - goes against natural law

2. PERSONAL LIBERTY

We believe that citizens have fundamental rights of personal liberty, as granted by God and recognized in the U.S. Constitution. These rights carry personal accountability and should not directly interfere with the life, liberty, or property of any other person. We believe the people have the freedom and responsibility to make their own decisions without encumbrance or undue interference from government.

3. PRIVATE PROPERTY

We believe property is the result of one's labor, ingenuity, skills, and capital. Property rights include the right to transfer property by gift, inheritance or otherwise without encumbrance of taxes. We believe that a function of government is to protect the property and resources of one from being taken without their consent and given to another. We reject the abuse of eminent domain.

4. FACILITATE INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

We believe a free market economy works; bringing new products, inventions, and increased prosperity to all levels of society. We believe unfettered fair trade is an essential part of equality between sovereign peoples, strengthens our international relations, and improves the quality of life for all parties involved. We recognize limited functions of our federal government, including regulating interstate and international commerce without picking winners and losers. Government interference leads to unintended consequences such as: corporatism, monopoly, special interest lobbying, and distortions of the economy.

5. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

We affirm the United States to be a free, independent, and sovereign nation, accountable only to God and her citizens. We charge our federal government to defend our national interests at home and abroad, against all enemies and all forms of attack or invasion. We believe national defense is a primary role of our federal government. Our nation must maintain a strong and effective military. We support a defensive military posture, peace through strength, and dialogue with our adversaries. We vow to strengthen our

sovereignty by returning to the American people the authority to declare war through our representatives, and by avoiding all foreign entanglements that erode our national sovereignty. All aspects of our national defense must uphold our Constitution and the fundamental, inalienable rights of individual citizens.

6. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

We believe that the people of our state and nation are best served when decisions are made at the local level. We charge our state and local governments to reclaim their purpose as empowered by the Constitution and the 10th Amendment. We believe that the Federal Government should be limited and the states' role is to foster growth, prosperity and well-being of its citizens. State and local governments have the right to independently make decisions that are best for its citizenry regarding education, public safety, infrastructure, taxation and all other issues reserved to the states. Our elected officials and government agencies shall be accountable to its constituency and not the Federal Government.

For a full treatment of each section, please see the Addendum with traditional-style planks (1.2, etc).

ADDENDUM TO 2016 POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

1. LIFE

We carry forward the knowledge of our forefathers that all people are created with equal value, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. We acknowledge the fact that from conception a human being is an individual, distinct from his or her mother, with an inalienable right to life. Therefore, to take the life of another innocent human - including the unborn, the disabled, the ill, or the elderly - goes against natural law. We assert a government that refuses to protect its most vulnerable citizens from those who seek to harm them fails its primary responsibility, and cannot retain the willingness of the people to submit to its governance.

Therefore:

1.1. We believe that in order to properly protect the right to life of the vulnerable among us, every human being at every stage of life must be recognized as a person possessing the right to life in federal and state laws without exception and without compromise. Therefore while we continue to work towards ending abortion, we support these measures:

- We oppose using public revenues to fund abortions or organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, which advocate abortion.

- We support scientific inquiry focused on non-embryonic stem cell research

- We commend private entities that provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services.

- We support the Enactment of a Parent's Right to Know Law whereby providers of abortions must provide complete factual information to the pregnant woman and father about the physical, emotional, and psychological harm abortions bring to women, biological development of the unborn, fetal pain, and the availability of alternatives to abortion.

- We recognize that in cases where a mother's life is at risk, every effort should be made to save the baby's life as well, leaving the death of an innocent child as an unintended tragedy rather than an intentional killing.

- We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, which includes food and water, from all people including newborns, by the government or a health care institution-

We oppose assisted suicide, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and procedures that intentionally destroy innocent human beings; including such procedures as partial birth abortion and/or the use of any “morning after pill.”

We support enactment of legislation by the Iowa legislature prohibiting the sale or gift of any and all aborted babies or any part thereof including organs, limbs, or tissues by Planned Parenthood or any other entity

- 1.2. We affirm our support for amendments to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa that embody and promote our God-given right to life from conception to natural death.
- 1.3. We support legislation to make clear the 14th amendment’s protections (of due process and equal protection) apply to unborn children.

2. PERSONAL LIBERTY

We believe that citizens have fundamental rights of personal liberty, as granted by God and recognized in the U.S. Constitution. These rights carry personal accountability and should not directly interfere with the life, liberty, or property of any other person. We believe the people have the freedom and responsibility to make their own decisions without encumbrance or undue interference from government. We recognize we have the right to be secure from direct harm, coercion, or violence with the right to defend ourselves.

Therefore:

- 2.1. We support the complete repeal of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) in total, and replacing it with a customer-based free market solution.
- 2.2. We strongly believe in the natural right of individuals to keep, carry and bear arms, as recognized and protected by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and we support the repeal of existing laws that infringe upon those rights. We support amending the Iowa Constitution for the inclusion of an individual’s right to keep, carry and bear arms.
- 2.3. Traditional, marriage-based (one male and one female) families are intrinsically procreative and thereby essential to a stable, thriving, and lasting civilization.
- 2.4. We support amendments to the Iowa Constitution and the US Constitution stating that “To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized”.
- 2.5. We believe that no law should infringe on faith-based adoptive service agencies who offer their services in accordance with their beliefs.
- 2.6. We reaffirm our First Amendment rights of the free exercise of religion, including the freedom of religious institutions to preach, teach and advocate according to their beliefs; and including the right of conscience in all business dealings and professional duties.
- 2.7. We support the enactment of a state version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
- 2.8. In accordance with the Sixth Amendment, we are opposed to red light and speed cameras.
- 2.9. We support measures to correct unconstitutional rulings, such as a requirement that the Supreme

Court can't overturn a law without a supermajority, or a law authorizing the legislature to compel judges to participate with lawmakers in a hearing about the constitutionality of a law or of a disputed ruling, to enable the legislature to better judge whether judges have acted without authority, usurping the legislative function, which is a category of "Malfeasance in Office", a ground of impeachment in the Iowa Constitution.

- 2.10. Republicans believe a court ruling is unconstitutional whose purpose is to force Bible believers to "affirm" what the Bible is widely understood to regard as perverted.
- 2.11. We support entitlement reform including mandatory drug testing for welfare recipients.
- 2.12. We support enforcement of the best interests of citizens, which do not include more national tracking of citizens through biometrics databases linked to chips, cards, or facial recognition.
- 2.13. We support providing body cameras to officers.

3. PRIVATE PROPERTY

We believe property is the result of one's labor, ingenuity, skills, and capital. Property rights include the right to transfer property by gift, inheritance or otherwise without encumbrance of taxes. We believe that a function of government is to protect the property and resources of one from being taken without their consent and given to another. We reject the abuse of eminent domain.

Therefore:

- 3.1. We oppose any additional limits being placed on firearm ownership at the state and federal level.
- 3.2. Eminent domain should be used solely for public use; therefore we support legislation preventing the seizure of private property for economic development purposes.
- 3.3. We support the elimination of all federal and state "death taxes" with the continuation of the stepped-up basis on inherited property
- 3.4. We support legislation requiring all new proposed regulations to receive congressional authorization prior to their implementation.
- 3.5. We support the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States.
- 3.6. We support requiring that before property can be seized by the state through a forfeiture action that the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that property was obtained through or as a direct result of criminal activity on the part of the owner of said property.
- 3.7. We support a federal balanced budget amendment.
- 3.8. We support the return to regular order by requiring congress to consider all twelve budget bills separately, rather than in omnibus form.
- 3.9. We support amending the Iowa Constitution to require a 2/3 vote of both Houses of the Iowa General Assembly to pass any bill that raises individual or corporate income tax or sales tax rates.

4. FACILITATE INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

We believe a free market economy works; bringing new products, inventions, and increased prosperity to

all levels of society. We believe unfettered fair trade is an essential part of equality between sovereign peoples, strengthens our international relations, and improves the quality of life for all parties involved. We recognize limited legitimate functions of our federal government, including regulating interstate and international commerce without picking winners and losers. Government interference leads to unintended consequences such as: corporatism, monopoly, special interest lobbying, and distortions of the economy.

Therefore:

- 4.1. We call for the abolition of the Federal Department of Agriculture, returning control back to the state and local governments.
- 4.2. We oppose any taxes or regulations intended to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions or climate change.
- 4.3. We support and will actively pursue immediately a full and complete independent audit of the Federal Reserve, along with a release of the complete audit results to the American citizenry.
- 4.4. We support reform of the social security system to make it solvent.
- 4.5. We support expanding Cannabidiol production to a wider free market.
- 4.6. We support the elimination of the “carried interest” tax break which allows bonuses for real estate developers and hedge fund managers to be taxed at a lower capital gains tax rates rather than ordinary income tax rates.

5. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

We affirm the United States to be a free, independent, and sovereign nation, accountable only to God and her citizens. We charge our federal government to defend our national interests at home and abroad, against all enemies and all forms of attack or invasion. We believe national defense is a primary role of our federal government. Our nation must maintain a strong and effective military. We support a defensive military posture, peace through strength, and dialogue with our adversaries. We vow to strengthen our sovereignty by returning to the American people the authority to declare war through our representatives, and by avoiding all foreign entanglements that erode our national sovereignty. All aspects of our national defense must uphold our Constitution and the fundamental, inalienable rights of individual citizens.

Therefore:

- 5.1. We support federal responsibility for advocacy, timely financial and medical support for veterans and all the affairs related to honoring their service and commitment to our nation.
- 5.2. We encourage the Veterans Administration to improve the services to all veterans including the use of private medical facilities.
- 5.3. We must maintain a strong military in both the active and reserve in all branches of our military and provide them with the best and most updated equipment.
- 5.4. We support the termination of the nuclear deal with Iran.
- 5.5. All measures towards national defense must uphold the fundamental inalienable rights of individual citizens of the United States

- 5.6. We support the abolition of the Department of Homeland Security. We support the restructuring of federal agencies to ensure coordination on matters of domestic and international terrorism.
- 5.7. We support the goal of energy independence by reducing dependence on foreign sources of energy, increasing the development of alternative energy, and pursuing all sources of energy within the United States.
- 5.8. The United States should not enter into any treaty or international body that limits the sovereignty of the nation or inalienable rights of individual citizens of the United States or conflicts with current United States law.
- 5.9. National defense should include traditional concerns such as enemy military forces and border security, and also modern ones, such as terrorism, cyber security, and electric grid security.
- 5.10. We support the withdrawal of foreign aid from any country that supports our enemies or is recognized as an enemy of the United States.
- 5.11. We support enforcement of the War Powers Act and oppose long term military commitments beyond 90 days without a Constitutional declaration of war.
- 5.12. We urge continued economic, military, and political support for our ally, Israel.
- 5.13. We support the 4th amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizure by governmental agencies against U.S. citizens.
- 5.14. We support securing the borders of the United States, the vigorous enforcement of current immigration laws, increased screening of immigrant applicants-including refugees, and the immediate deportation of illegal aliens who are convicted felons.
- 5.15. We support the end of any and all funding for government entities that do not comply with or enforce federal immigration laws.
- 5.16. We support changes to the 14th Amendment so that it should say the following, “All persons born to United States citizen(s), or naturalized according to United States requirements, ...”, in order to clarify original intent on citizenship.
- 5.17. We support the limiting of “chain immigration” to the nuclear family: husband, wife, and minor children.
- 5.18. We support English as the official language for the United States and the state of Iowa.
- 5.19. We demand that Congress and all other legislative bodies be subject to the laws they pass.
- 5.20. We support enactment of laws like Erik Jorgensen’s Law, which provide law enforcement and our courts with additional training and support for preventing veteran suicide.

6. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

We believe that the people of our state and nation are best served when decisions are made at the local

level. We charge our state and local governments to reclaim their purpose as empowered by the Constitution and the 10th Amendment. We believe that the Federal Government should be limited and the states' role is to foster growth, prosperity and well-being of its citizens. State and local governments have the right to independently make decisions that are best for its citizenry regarding education, public safety, infrastructure, taxation and all other issues reserved to the states. Our elected officials and government agencies shall be accountable to its constituency and not the Federal Government.

Therefore:

- 6.1. We support the implementation of waste and fraud elimination measures across all agencies of the government.
- 6.2. We believe the federal government should be strictly limited to the 18 enumerated powers in the United States Constitution and that all others should be left to the States and to the people in accordance with the Tenth Amendment.
- 6.3. We support local control of land use and zoning.
- 6.4. We support public policy that is pro-family, encouraging traditional marital and family commitment, while also supporting parental rights and responsibilities.
- 6.5. We support the repeal of the 17th Amendment (regarding direct election of Senators) to the Constitution of the United States, which will return States to their rightful relationship with the federal government.
- 6.6. We support the repeal of the current Iowa corporate tax and personal income tax code, and replace them with either a personal flat or consumption tax.
- 6.7. We believe that current textbooks and teachers should clarify that evolution of species as the origin of man is not scientific fact. We support local school districts' decisions to teach intelligent design.
- 6.8. Republicans support, in all high schools, voluntary firearm safety courses that satisfy the hunter's education requirement for obtaining a hunting license be offered.
- 6.9. The Iowa Legislature should pass law(s) prohibiting the collection of intrusive non-academic data collection to protect students and parents from a growingly intrusive reach into sensitive and personal information. (Any non-academic information necessary for participation in an assistance program may be voluntarily submitted upon application by parents.) The Iowa Legislature should pass law(s) prohibiting the transfer, selling, and sharing of student level academic data with the federal government or any 3rd party outside the state's department of education.
- 6.10. We support legislation to restore the authority of states in environmental protection as being essential.
- 6.11. All bills should be "clean" bills, nothing added that does not pertain to the subject of the bill.
- 6.12. We support implementation and funding of Iowa's mental health system.
- 6.13. We support the private collection of all public employee union association dues and eliminating payroll deductions.
- 6.14. We support the elimination of the federal Department of Education and significantly narrowing the scope of authority of the Environmental Protection Agency.

- 6.15. We encourage and support the state’s right to refuse to accept or comply with any Federal mandate not derived from the legislative process as described in the U.S. Constitution.
- 6.16. We support the government defunding of Iowa Public Television and Iowa Public Radio.
- 6.17. We support keeping securities companies separate from investment and commercial banks.
- 6.18. We support providing body cameras to officers.
- 6.19. Make gun safety equipment purchases tax deductible.

7. OPPORTUNITY

We support affirmative action for minorities. The Republican Party commits itself to providing equal opportunity to all citizens regardless of race, gender, economic status, or sexual orientation.

Therefore:

- 7.1. Republicans will initiate and encourage public/private programs offering skills training and apprenticeships in the skilled trades, with a focus on minorities, women, and veterans.
- 7.2. Republicans encourage the participation and advancement of all citizens within the party, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.
- 7.3. Republicans will actively recruit members regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.
- 7.4. We support the idea of choice and competition through educational vouchers and/or tuition tax credits to assist parents as they exercise their right of choosing public or private educational programs for children.
- 7.5. We support returning Iowa to its place as first in the nation in education where schools are controlled locally by parents, teachers, School Boards, and state. This would include eliminating Common Core, No Child Left Behind, and similar “one size fits all” systems.

EXHIBIT A - AT LARGE DELEGATES TO DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

Convention Officers

Wes Enos, Chair
Cheryl Weisheit, Co-Chair
Bianca Richards, Treasurer/Auditor
David Dicks, Secretary
Cleon Babcock, Parliamentarian
John Stokka, Rules Committee Chair
Nicholas Laning, Platform Committee Chair
Joseph Heuertz, Credentials Committee Chair

Honorary Delegates

Governor Robert D. Ray
Auditor of State Richard Johnson
Congressman Greg Ganske

Party Officials

Steven Scheffler, National Committeeman
Bill Gustoff, Third District State Central Committee
Gloria Mazza, President Iowa Federated
Republican Women

Elected Republicans

Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
Mrs. Cari Gregg
Senator Jack Whitver
Senator Brad Zaun
Representative Zach Nunn
Representative Peter Cownie
Representative Jack Highfill
Representative Kevin Koester
Representative John Landon
Supervisor Robert Brownell
Supervisor Steve Van Oort

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