

Meeting: District 39 Republican Reorganization meeting

Date: January 31, 2022 7:00pm

Location: Slope County Fair Grounds, Amidon, ND

Acting Chair: Keith Kempenich

In attendance: Cal Klewin- Acting Vice Chair

Lynn James- Acting Secretary

Jason Bullis- Sergeant at Arms

1. Welcome by Acting Chair Keith Kempenich

1.1 Silence to honor Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem

1.2 Recognized veterans

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ben Simons

1.4 Invocation read by Anthony Larson

2. Agenda was recapped by Acting Chair Keith Kempenich

2.1 Motion: Moved by Jacob Odermann to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Andrew Kordonowy. Agenda Approved.

3. Election of District 39 Republican GOP Executive Committee

3.1 Chair: Acting Chair Keith Kempenich called for nominations for Chair of District 39

3.1a Cal Klewin nominated Jacob Odermann; nomination seconded by Annette Steffan

3.1b Luke Simons nominated Ben Simons; nomination seconded by Perry Redmond

3.1c Acting chair Keith Kempenich called for other nominations. Michael Heiser moved to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Motion to cease nominations passed.

3.1d Nominee Jacob Odermann gave his speech

3.1e Nominee Ben Simons gave his speech

3.1f Orange ballots were handed out, collected, and counted. Acting Chair Kempenich announced elected Reorganized District 39 Chair: Jacob Odermann

Final Vote count: Ben Simons: 77 votes

Jacob Odermann 165 votes (Winner)

Votes were counted by: Holly Volesky, Brenda Volesky, Deborah Hutzenbeler, Lisa Dworshak, Chuck Whitney, and Dave Helland

3.1g Kempenich passed gavel to Jacob Odermann and Jacob Odermann proceeded by calling for nominations for vice chair

3.2 Vice chair: Chair Jacob Odermann called for nominations for Vice Chair of District 39

3.2a Jim Arthaud nominated Cal Klewin; nomination seconded by James Odermann

3.2b Ted Uecker nominated Anthony Larson; nomination seconded by Steve Wagner

3.2c Chair Jacob Odermann called for additional nominations. Chuck Whitney moved to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Motion to cease nominations passed.

3.2d Nominee Cal Klewin gave his speech

3.2e Anthony Larson gave his speech

3.2f White ballots for Vice chair were handed out, collected, and counted. Chair Jacob Odermann announced the elected Reorganized District 39 Vice Chair: Cal Klewin

Final vote count: Cal Klewin: 149 votes (Winner)
Anthony Larson: 68 votes

Votes were counted by: Holly Volesky, Lisa Dworshak, Deborah Hutzenbeler, Brenda Volesky, and Dave Helland

3.3 Secretary: Chair Jacob Odermann called for nominations for Secretary of District 39

3.3a Gordon Krance nominated Hope Klein; nomination seconded by Josh Dohrman

3.3b Jim Lowman nominated Aliesha Simon; nomination seconded by John Enerly

3.3c Jacob Odermann called for additional nominations. Andrew Kordonowy moved to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Motion to cease nominations passed.

3.3d Hope Klein gave her speech

3.3e Aliesha Simons gave her speech

3.3f Yellow or green ballots for Secretary were handed out, collected, and counted. Chair Jacob Odermann announced the elected Reorganized District 39 Secretary: Hope Klein

Final vote count: Aliesha Simons: 69 votes
- Hope Klein received 167 votes (Winner)

Votes were counted by: Holly Volesky, Lisa Dworshak, Deborah Hutzenbeler, Brenda Volesky, and Dave Helland

3.3g Newly elected Secretary Hope Klein took over for acting secretary Lynn James.

3.4 Treasurer: Chair Jacob Odermann called for nominations for Treasurer of District 39

3.4a Ted Uecker nominated Anthony Larson; nomination seconded by Jim Arthaud

3.4b Aliesha Simons nominated Kari Roller; nomination seconded by Cindy Ewoniuk

3.4c Chair Jacob Odermann called for additional nominations. Jason Dodge moved to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Luke Simons. Motion to cease nominations passed.

3.4d Kari Roller gave her speech

3.4e Anthony Larson gave his speech

3.4f Pink ballots for treasurer were handed out, collected, and counted. Chair Jacob Odermann announced the elected Reorganized District 39 Treasurer: Anthony Larson

Final vote count: Anthony Larson: 110 votes (Winner)
Kari Roller received 97 votes

Votes were counted by: Holly Volesky, Lisa Dworshak, Deborah Hutzenbeler, Brenda Volesky, and Dave Helland

3.5 At Large: Chair Jacob Odermann called for nomination for At Large committee member. He noted the At Large nominations will all be done simultaneously, and each voter gets 2 votes. The top 2 vote getters of the nominees will win the elected 2 At Large seats:

- 3.5a Allen Richard nominated Steve Klym; nomination seconded by Karla Arthaud
- 3.5b Joe Hostettler nominated Seth Springer; nomination seconded by Alvin Hostettler
- 3.5c Shawn Olson nominated Jon Jacobson; nomination seconded by James Odermann
- 3.5d Mark Lee nominated Thea Lee; nomination seconded by Andrew Kordonowy
- 3.5e Chair Jacob Odermann called for additional nominations. Motion by Jason Dodge to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Andrew Kordonowy. Motion to cease nominations passed.
- 3.5 f Each nominee gave their speech
- 3.5g Dark Pink Ballots for the 2 at Large Positions were handed out. It was requested by Chair Jacob Odermann to tear the ballot in half and vote for 2 of the nominees. Chair Jacob Odermann announced the 2 elected Reorganized District At Large Seats: Jon Jacobson and Steve Klym

Final Vote Count: Steve Klym: 120 votes (Winner)
 Seth Springer: 83 votes
 Thea Lee: 98 votes
 Jon Jacobson: 147 votes

 Mitch Stuber: 7 votes

Votes were counted by: Holly Volesky, Brenda Volesky, Deborah Hutzenbeler, Lisa Dworshak, Chuck Whitney, and Dave Helland

- 3.6 Chuck Whitney moved to destroy the ballots without objection. Motion passed.

4. By Law review

Chair Jacob Odermann addressed the proposed bylaw changes to be drafted and voted on in the next meeting. Changes are summarized below:

- 4.1 Article 4 – must be paid and registered seven days prior to the nominating convention
- 4.2 Article 5- Section 4 & 5 – Clarifies who can be on the executive committee of District 39
- 4.3 Article 9 – Section 1- Endorsement of candidates and election of delegates to state party convention. This adds additional detail how and who can nominate for the two legislative seats and the state senate; individual must have 1 of the following criteria:
 - a. Member of the North Dakota state republican party and paid dues in calendar year prior to the nominating convention while also residing in district 39
 - b. Member of District 39 Executive committee in calendar year prior to the nomination
 - c. Member of District 39 Republican Committee and paid their due prior to the nominating convention.
- 4.4 Article 9 – Section 1- If you intend to run for house or senate that you notify the chair 10 days prior to nominating convention.
- 4.5 Motion by Jim Odermann to adopt the bylaws as changed. Motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Discussion called.
- 4.6 Luke Simons moved to Amend the Main motion to strike the seven-day pre-registration requirement in Article 4. Amendment to the main motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Discussion to the amendment called. Chairman Odermann called for the vote. The Amendment to the main motion to remove the seven-day pre-registration requirement in Article 4. The Amendment to the Main motion passed.

- 4.7 Motion by Andrew Kordonowy to strike out the 10 day requirement to notify the chair of nominees and be able to nominate from the floor. Discussion. Point of Order from the floor: Agenda states that this meeting will review the bylaws and the approval of the bylaws will take place on February 28, 2022. Discussion. Point of order from the floor: There is a motion on the floor that must be handled. The final ruling is that the agenda calls for a by-law review. All motions subsequent to the by law review must be rescinded.
 - 4.8 Andrew Kordonowy moved to rescind his motion to strike out the 10-day requirement to notify the chair of nominees and to be able to nominate from the floor. Motion to rescind passes.
 - 4.9 Luke Simons moved to rescind the amended motion to the seven-day pre-registration requirement in Article 4. Motion to rescind the amended motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Motion to rescind passes. Note: The Amended Main Motion to adopt the By Law changes and strike the seven-day pre-registration requirement in Article 4 was not voted on.
 - 4.10 James Odermann moved to rescind the main motion to adopt the By Law Changes. Motion to rescind the main motion seconded by Jason Dodge. Motion to rescind passes.
- 5 Legislative Update by Keith Kempenich
- 6 Chair Jacob Odermann announces for all interested parties in running for the two state representative seats and one state senate seat to introduce themselves. These will be voted on at the next meeting schedule for February 28, 2022, at 7:00pm in Amidon, ND at the Slope County Fair Grounds.
- 6.1 Andrew Kordonowy- State Senate
 - 6.2 Mike Schatz- State Representative
 - 6.3 Keith Kempenich- State Representative
 - 6.4 Lynn James- Unknown (House or Senate)
7. Andrew Kordonowy motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Scott Bachmeier. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm on January 31, 2022.

Next Meeting: February 28, 2022
7:00 PM (MST)
Slope County Fairgrounds
Amidon ND