

2010 Weber County Convention

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.	Registration Opens	
10:00 A.M.	Call to Order	Don Lee
	Invocation	Jessie Kidd
	Posting of Colors & Pledge	Boy Scouts of America
	National Anthem	Scout Troop 534
	Welcome/Introduction of Convention Officers	Stephanie Dixon
	Remarks from the County Chair	Don Lee
		Steve Olsen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules	LaFray Kelley
Credentials	Neil Hansen
Elections	Lynn Call
Arrangements	LaWanna Lou Shurtliff
Platform/Resolutions 2010	Gwen Lee

Remarks by State Party Chair

Wayne Holland

CANDIDATES

Introduction of candidates for State Offices	Don Lee
Peter Corroon, Governor	
Morgan Bowen, U.S. House of Representatives, First District	
Sam Granato, U. S. Senate	
Christopher Stout, U.S. Senate	
Betty Sawyer, State Senate District 18	
Gary Haws, Weber County Sherriff	
Dee Smith, Weber County Attorney	
Debbie Hansen, Weber County Recorder/Surveyor	
Teresa Yorgasen, Weber County Clerk/Auditor	
T. R. Morgan, Weber County Commissioner, Seat A	
Amy Wicks, Weber County Commissioner, Seat B	

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BREAKOUTS

Legislative District Caucus Information/Instructions	Don Lee
Break into Legislative Districts	

Reconvene for Results of Elections

Don Lee

Adjourn

Don Lee

Weber County Democrats

Mission Statement

WE ARE THE WEBER COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Our mission is to uphold traditional Utah ideals of patriotism, democracy, family, faith, hard work and community that have long shaped our society and to elect candidates that represent the people of Weber County with integrity, honesty, and Democratic values.

We believe in responsible government that represents and serves all the people; indeed we believe that's what government is: the people, organized to provide for the common good and to promote the values of civil society. To achieve this end, citizens must be fully informed, frequently engaged and honestly represented by servants who adhere to the foundational American principles.

We believe it is the responsibility of the government to use the power granted by the governed to establish and maintain the rights of equality, fairness and justice for all citizens as stated by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as added to and modified over the years, and that together they stand as the basis for and aspiration of freedom for all.

We stand for policies and programs that benefit all Utahns. We seek to work together with people of all faiths, persuasions and circumstances to strengthen our families, our communities, our cities, our state, and our nation.

We advocate the preservation of communities and neighborhoods that work together to promote the welfare of their citizens. We support measures that strengthen Utah families both morally and temporally, whether that family consists of one, a couple, with children, or an extended family of many.

We recognize that government resources may be limited and that choices must be made when attempting to satisfy the social and economic needs of our citizens. We regard the democratic process and the Democratic Party as a force for social good and a source of equity for balancing those needs. We stand for a vigorous economy and a healthy society for ourselves and for our children.

We believe that a healthy environment promotes and supports the health and well-being of our people. Good environmental laws and regulations protect our lives, our economy, and our freedom to enjoy the beauty of nature.

The Democratic Party is a party of reason, moderation, and diversity. We embrace diversity as a source of strength in our community rather than a reason for division. As such, we welcome the participation of all Utahns within the Democratic Party.

Weber County Democrats

Platform

HONEST AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

The foundation of our representative democracy resides in the people. Weber County Democrats affirm our support of an open, accountable government where the people of Utah have the full opportunity to participate in shaping public policy. The people should have recourse through constitutionally established means of the courts, initiatives and referendums, and freedom of expression. In return, public officials must serve with integrity, dignity, responsiveness, and fiscal responsibility.

We stand for the common good and reject the promotion of personal agendas at the expense of the people as a whole by those who would manipulate laws or regulations for their own profit. We call for vigilance on the part of our elected and appointed officials to eliminate corruption in our government wherever, whenever and by whomever it occurs.

We support the Fair Boundaries Initiative which seeks to establish uniform standards and procedures in redrawing the boundaries of legislative districts and seeks to establish an independent redistricting commission of citizens.

We support the Utahns for Ethical Government Initiative which seeks to limit the influence of big money and establish an independent ethics commission. We encourage small political contributions from many individuals to dilute the influence of big contributors.

TRANSPORTATION

We understand the enormous effect of growth on our transportation systems. We believe in addressing state infrastructure needs through careful planning and development. It is important to seek a balanced, efficient transportation system that does the following: maximizes the use of taxpayer dollars; enhances public safety; takes into account the effect of the transportation system on neighborhoods, open spaces, and wildlife; allows us to achieve high air quality standards; promotes biking and pedestrian friendly access; and meets critical highway demand while also building convenient, accessible public transportation. We pledge to work to bring more state and federal money to Weber County for expansion and better maintenance of our roads.

We also call for the extension of mass transit systems, including the Frontrunner, other commuter rail, and bus rapid transit to connect with systems in other counties along the Wasatch Front. We strongly encourage the use of fuel-efficient, low polluting vehicles and alternative fuels whenever possible.

SECURITY

We believe that every person has a right to be safe in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities. We appreciate and support firemen, law enforcement officers, drug and gang crime units, and prevention and rehab programs.

We support the constitutional right of citizens to bear arms. We support common-sense measures to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety, enforcement of gun laws, and education on the safe use and storage of firearms.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

We support family and local farmers and recognize the importance of monitoring agribusiness, encouraging organic farming methods, and promoting conservation. We encourage enterprises and cooperatives that will help our family farmers gain a greater share of the food dollar in our markets and help reduce air pollution and pesticide use.

We recognize the value of green space in a healthy living environment: Community parks that include shade trees, recreation areas, picnic areas, bike trails, and walking paths are encouraged. Parks and other public green areas should be maintained using Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce the public's exposure to pesticides.

To conserve and reduce water usage, we encourage the responsible use of xeriscape landscaping and parking strip areas planted with low growing, drought tolerant flowers and plants or filled in with well-maintained, weed-free decorative rock.

We believe we should maintain a healthy and sustainable ecosystem supporting a balanced wildlife population with adequate winter and summer range. We call for the protection of wilderness along with the right of access to use it responsibly for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other recreational activities and uses that do not endanger critical wildlife habitat or our natural resources. We also call for the protection and preservation of watershed and riparian areas, streams, rivers, wilderness, wildlife, and canyons to preserve for ourselves and future generations scenic beauty and ecological importance.

ENVIRONMENT

We believe a moral imperative exists to implement policies that result in substantial reductions of carbon emissions. We support a return to national and local energy self-sufficiency through the use of alternate energy sources to complement our present resources. We support research efforts that will reduce and/or remove the long-term harmful effects of present energy technologies. Future energy generating capability must be developed which avoids pollution and environmental contamination and implements the best available technology.

Because air pollution kills, causes birth defects, heart disease, strokes, cancer, lung problems, immune-suppression and other adverse health effects; and because there is no safe threshold of exposure; and because smog significantly degrades the natural beauty of our mountains and

valleys, we call for stricter standards for ozone, PM2.5, industrial pollutants including mercury and other heavy metals and toxins, and car and truck emissions.

We know that farming, fishing, tourism, and other industries require a healthy environment. Clean air, safe soil and water ensure the protection of public health and help make Weber County an attractive place to live and work. New technologies that reduce carbon emissions and ensure clean air and water, coupled with government-supported incentives and job training programs, can create new high-paying jobs.

HEALTH CARE

We believe everyone should have access to affordable, quality health care. We affirm that accessible healthcare is a civil right. We call for efficient and effective public health programs for children, seniors, and the working poor leading to universal health care for all citizens without overburdening taxpayers.

As Weber County Democrats we believe in the sanctity of human life and that there should be a balance between the rights of the woman and her unborn child. We understand the importance of helping the mother with pre-natal care and support of the baby after birth. We also support adoption laws which make adoption a positive and viable option for birth parents, adoptive parents, and the children involved.

IMMIGRATION AND WELFARE

We strongly believe that those who come to the United States should do so legally. We call for Congress to adopt policies that control our borders while providing for a viable immigration policy that respects the contributions of immigrant workers and helps keep families together. This policy must also discourage exploitation by employers deliberately recruiting undocumented workers and must include whistleblower protections.

We believe that all Utahns should labor to the best of their abilities to provide for themselves and their families. We support programs for low-income working families that break the cycle of poverty, reward industry, promote self-sufficiency, support parenting, and encourage families to stay together.

VETERANS

We support all veterans that have faithfully served our country. We believe all veterans should receive needed care and support for both body and mind. We value our veteran's service and sacrifice and assure them of our continued support and gratitude.

EDUCATION

We believe the foundation of our democracy lies in a well-educated citizenry. Quality public education is at the heart of economic development and prosperity; therefore, education is our greatest investment in the future. We stand for strengthening our public schools through adequate and priority funding to allow for smaller class sizes, higher salaries to better attract and retain qualified teachers, and better equipped facilities. We believe in supporting Special Education as well.

We also call for sufficient resources for higher education as we recognize that not only should education continue until the 12th grade, but that education does not end there. We support Utah's colleges and universities and recognize that Weber State University and other local colleges help develop and maintain a high quality labor pool for Weber County and Utah, which in turn keeps the Utah economy viable.

FAITH

We support the right of all Americans to express faith. We believe in the importance of religious faith and the protection of religious liberty for all as guaranteed by the Constitution. Our Founding Fathers, in an effort to encourage and guarantee freedom for religion, incorporated into our Constitution the statement "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". This statement does not force religious actions upon others nor does it prohibit others from expressing their religious convictions. We seek to be respectful and to work together with people of all faiths and affiliations to make our county a better place to live.

FAMILY

We affirm a strong commitment to strengthening the family and to the protection of children from physical, economic, environmental, social and emotional abuse. We also affirm that senior citizens deserve assistance in preserving their quality of life and achieving access to information and services to enhance their physical and mental health.

Report from the Arrangements Committee For the 2010 Democratic Convention

The 2010 Weber County Democratic Convention will be held in the Wildcat Theater along with the Hearth Place Lounge at Weber State University.

The Theater will seat 250 people and will have mikes available on the stage as well as in the aisle to allow proper discussion of agenda items.

Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the Convention will be called to order at 10:00 A.M. Light refreshments will be available.

There will be five eight-foot tables made available for candidates who wish to provide or to gather information for their campaigns. The area will be available at 8:30 A.M. Space will be limited as it will be shared. Candidates will be expected to clean their own areas after the convention.

Campaign materials can be displayed in the following ways:

1. Free standing easels
2. No signs may be attached to painted walls or wall coverings
3. No duct tape can be used
4. On tables provided

The arrangements committee reserves the right to post signs as needed for directions and decorations.

Legislative Districts will meet in the following areas. (Depending on attendance, areas may have to be changed.)

District #6 – North rear of theater
District #7 – Front middle of theater
District #8 – South rear of theater
District #9 – the Wildcat Room
District #10 – Fireplace Lounge
District #11 – Fireplace Lounge
District #12 – Fireplace Lounge

We respectfully move for adoption of this report.

Lou Shurtliff
Pat Garner

Report of the Elections Committee 2010 Weber County Democratic Nominating Convention

Convention Officers, Delegates, and Guests:

The Elections Committee recommends that the following rules apply to the registration of delegates, the casting of ballots, and the tallying of ballot results:

Delegates of the Convention will fill party offices through nomination. Delegates to the Convention may nominate themselves to any office, but another delegate must make the seconding motion.

All voting at the Convention shall be kept by secret ballot, unless an office is filled through acclamation.

All delegates that are officially seated will be accepted by the Convention to vote within their respective districts. Delegates must be in their proper legislative meeting to be authorized to vote. No proxies or alternates shall be allowed to vote.

Only certified delegates personally present at the time of voting shall be permitted to receive a ballot.

Only votes cast on “official ballots” shall be tabulated. Official ballots may be prepared or blank paper may be provided for the casting of an “official ballot.”

Each Legislative Chair shall act as or appoint a voting judge for that district. Voting judges shall check delegates against the official register. Delegates shall be provided an official ballot. After voting, the ballot will be returned to the judge by the delegate.

Balloting results shall be tabulated by the Weber County Chair, the Convention Chair and the Election Chair. Voting results shall be announced to convention participants by the Convention Chair. All ballots, tabulations, and register books shall be retained by the Convention Chair.

No ballot shall be counted if more candidates are voted for on the ballot than are allowed. In case of tie, judges shall determine a winner by coin toss, and will document the process.

The committee specifically intends that these recommendations be consistent with the election laws of the State of Utah, the Constitution and the Rules of the Convention. Such rules and laws at all times prevail. Mr. Chair, I move that the report of the Elections Committee be approved and adopted.

Chair: Lynn W. Call

Report of the Rules Committee 2010 Weber County Democratic Convention

Convention Officers, fellow delegates, and guests,

The rules Committee recommends that the business of the 2010 Weber County Democratic convention be implemented in the following order and that the following rules will apply to that order of business.

Weber County delegates were elected at voting precinct caucuses held on March 23, 2010. Only delegates certified by the credentials committee will be allowed to vote at the convention.

We recommend the County Executive Officers and the Nominating Convention officers be seated as delegates-at-large.

CONVENTION OFFICERS:

We recommend that the following be made officers of the Nominating Convention:

Don Lee, Chair
Brenda Burrup, Secretary
Reed Richards, Parliamentarian

CONVENTION BUSINESS:

We recommend that the order of business of this convention be:

- A. Call to order, posting of colors, national anthem, invocation
- B. Welcome by Don Lee, Convention Chair
- C. Remarks by Steve Olsen, Weber County Democratic Party Chair
- D. Call for the acceptance of committee reports in the following order:
 - a. Rules Committee
 - b. Credentials Committee
 - c. Platform and Resolutions committee
 - d. Elections Committee
 - e. Arrangements Committee
- E. Greeting from the State Party
- F. Introduction of Candidates for State and Federal Offices
- G. Nomination of Candidates for Utah State Senate and Weber County Offices
- H. Introduction of Candidates for Utah State House of Representatives (Nominations of House Candidates in the Legislative District Caucuses)
- I. Election of State Delegates
- J. Recess for Balloting
- K. Reconvene- Report on Balloting
- L. Adjourn

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

We recommend that all committee reports be in writing and distributed to all delegates one hour before convening of the convention. We further recommend that the various committee reports be approved as written without reading them on the convention floor, after a call for acceptance by the chair of each committee. Any proposed amendment must be moved and seconded from the convention floor. Debate on the proposed amendment should be limited to 4 (four) minutes with 2 (two) minutes being allowed to speak in favor of the amendment and 2 (two) minutes allowed to speak against the amendment.

NOMINATIONS:

It is recommended that prospective candidates and their nominating and seconding speakers be invited to the stand prior to any nomination and that all candidates be allowed to use their allotted time as they deem appropriate. All candidates in races for which there is only one registered candidate will be nominated, seconded, and voted on by voice vote of the convention delegates. It is further recommended that the Convention Chair strictly enforce time limits allotted to speakers and interrupt them one-half minute beyond the expiration of their time limit.

TIME ALLOCATION PROCESS:

It is recommended that the Convention Chair ensure that the convention proceedings take place in an expedient manner and with the following time being allocated including nominations, secondings, introductions, and candidates responses: County Offices, 5 (five) minutes each and State Offices, 5 (five) minutes each.

DELEGATE PARTICIPATION:

Only delegates to the county convention will be allowed to vote.

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the proceeding of this convention in all matters not otherwise specified in this report or in the Weber County Democratic Party Constitution.

We move for adoption of this report of the Rules Committee.

LaFray Kelley
Rules Committee Chair

Report of the Credentials Committee

2010 Weber County Democratic Nominating Convention

Weber County Democrats elected delegates at voting district caucus meetings in March 2010. Only persons elected at these caucus meetings will be allowed to vote at this convention. All delegates certified by this committee who appear on the certified list provided by the Weber County Democratic Party are subject to the following:

No proxies will be allowed.

Only persons selected at the caucus meetings will be allowed to serve as delegates. The only exception to this rule will occur if a person elected at a caucus meeting is found ineligible or submits a written resignation. In this event, any interested person who resides in the same voting district may apply to the Credentials Committee to be seated.

Any person disputing a decision of the Credentials Committee may present a claim to the convention officers if he/she has a petition signed by a minimum of fifty (50) certified delegates.

The Credentials Committee recognizes the Weber County Democratic Party Constitution and recommends that delegates, whose names appear on the certified list provided by the Weber County Democratic Party, as well as the convention officers, be certified by this committee to be seated at this convention.

The Credentials Committee met with the Executive Committee to resolve initial discrepancies of the delegate list. If needed, this committee will meet to address problems that may occur during the convention.

We move this report be approved and adopted.

Chair: Neil Hansen
Vice Chair: Jon Canchola
Committee: Debbie Hansen