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Election of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman

State Central Committee Members,

This communication serves you with notice for an **election on August 14th for Montana's National Committeeman and National Committee Woman.**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Montana Republican Party Executive Board voted on July 17th to hold our selection of our National Committee Members by electronic means similar to our State Delegate Convention earlier this year. In order to comply with the rules of the Republican National Committee as well as provide potential new National Committee Members the opportunity to attend RNC meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 24th, the latest we can hold the election is August 14th.

Consequently, and in an effort to comply with the traditional process by which we select these Members, we will be conducting the election using the following deadlines:

August 1: Nominations Open

August 7: Nominations Close

August 10: Written speeches of Candidates shared with State Central Committee

August 14: Election of National Committee Members

Per our State Party Bylaws, State Central Committee meetings must be noticed 10 days in advance of the meeting, and due to COVID-19 pandemic, may be held by electronic means in cases of emergency and extraordinary circumstances. The above deadlines meet the requirements put forth by the State Central Committee and comply with the Rules of the Republican National Committee.

Nominations

Per our State Party Bylaws and previous precedent, nominations to this position are only sufficient *if* a State Central Committee Member nominates an individual to serve as National Committeeman or National Committeewoman *and* another State Central Committee Member seconds the nomination. Given the period that nominations are held open and the electronic means of holding the election, nominations made electronically and/or in written form, must be documented and made in the similar fashion. Any member intent on running that fails to be nominated and receive a "second" in favor of the nomination will not be recognized.

Proxies

Per our State Party Bylaws, members of the State Central Committee are entitled to vote by written proxy. A person holding a proxy must be a resident elector of the same county as the member being represented by said proxy holder. Any member voting in his or her own right, *may not serve as a proxy to any other member, and any proxy holder may only hold one proxy.* A proxy form will be provided to all members requesting one.

Voting

On August 14th, the Chairman will call the meeting to order during a videoconference that will take place between 8:00 am and 9:00 am to provide more information on Montana Republican Party's electioneering efforts and discuss the day's business, as well as prospects for the Platform Convention. Following the conclusion of the video portion, an email will be sent to the State Central Committee and those registered to participate via a proxy, and voting will close at 12 pm. Following the vote, MTGOP staff will count the votes and provide the results. Per our Bylaws, if a clear majority is not reached by one of the candidates, the election will be repeated until a majority is reached.

Additional information will be sent regarding election observers for candidates interested in serving as National Committeeman or National Committeewoman.

For Freedom,

Don "K" Kaltschmidt
Chairman
Montana Republican Party