



Political Jargon...or...everything you always wanted to know about getting more politically involved but were afraid to ask! (too late now!)

SCOTT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

- Scott County is the third largest county in Iowa, Polk is the largest and Linn is the second largest.
- This is the governing body of Scott County Republicans
- Composed of 2 precinct leaders per precinct who are elected at the caucuses every 2 years.
- Also composed of an executive committee who are elected every 2 years by the central committee. Members include: Chair, 3 Vice Chairs, Treasurer, Finance Chairman, Secretary/ Director of Social Media, Immediate Past Chair, and Advisor.
- Executive committee officers are elected in the non-caucus year; the next election of the executive committee will be in the spring of 2017
- Executive committee meets about every 2-3 weeks continuously throughout the year.
- Each county's Central Committee may vary slightly and may operate under a different constitution.
- Scott County Republicans are financially independent and self-sustaining; no funds received from the state party or any other source, we must raise every penny we spend.
- All members of the Scott County Republican Central Committee and executive committee are volunteers, no paid staff.
- Central Committee meets 4-6 times a year at a minimum.

PRECINCT CHAIRPERSON: (that is what you are)

- 63 precincts in Scott County
- Each precinct is allowed 2 precinct chair people who are elected at the previous caucus.
- Voting member of the Central Committee
- Elected every 2 years at the caucus
- See specific duties on pink paper.

IOWA CAUCUS held every 2 years usually in January or February

- County party responsible for entire process
- Elect precinct leaders
- Elect delegates to the county convention
- May also solicit delegates to the district/state conventions, although they ARE NOT elected at the caucus, they are elected at the county convention
- Platform process begins here. Resolutions are proposed and discussed. Each precinct caucus votes on platform planks and if approved, submits for possible inclusion in the county platform.
- In a presidential year, a presidential preference vote is taken, in a non-presidential year, no candidate vote is taken.

COUNTY CONVENTION, held every 2 years usually in March:

- County GOP is responsible for planning and organizing
- Approve county platform which then moves on to the district convention
- Elect delegates to the district/state convention
- Candidates may attend and speak

COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATES:

- Nominated and elected at the previous caucus
- Each precinct is allowed a pre determined number of county convention delegates based on the percentage of republican votes in the immediate previous general election
- Delegates do not have to be a precinct leader.
- Number of total delegates is determined by the executive committee, this has been 300 for the last several years.

DISTRICIT/STATE DELEGATES and CONVENTIONS, district usually held in April, state held in May or June:

- We are in the Second District, and for the district convention, all elected delegates from the entire Second District will attend that convention
- Delegates may show interest at the preceding caucus. County nomination's committee solicits remaining delegates needed and nominates those delegates at the county convention. Those delegates are then elected at the county convention.
- The state party predetermines the number of delegates that are allotted. There is no specific number of delegates allotted per precinct.
- Delegates do not have to attend both district and state conventions, although it is encouraged. If the delegate can only attend either the district or state convention that is acceptable.
- Delegates do not have to be precinct leaders.
- There is a delegate fee collected by the county. The state party charges us a fee per delegate whether or not that delegate attends and/or pays the fees.
- In 2014, Scott County was allotted 105 delegates.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION:

- July 18-21, Cleveland, Ohio
- Iowa has 30 delegates to the National Convention, delegates are bound to vote for the nominee. Our District 2 is allotted 4 delegates and are elected at the District Convention as do the other districts. The at large delegates are elected at the State Convention. In previous years there have been automatic at large delegates including the State Chair, National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman. There are 2 ways to be elected as a Delegate to the National Convention.

Method 1:

1. Attend precinct caucus and run as a delegate to the County Convention.
2. Attend the county convention and run as a delegate to the District Convention.
3. Attend the district convention, and run as a delegate to the National Convention.

Method 2:

1. Attend precinct caucus and run as a delegate to the county convention.
2. Attend county convention and run as delegate to the district and state conventions.
3. Lobby the nominating committee elected at the district conventions to put your name on the slate of the national delegates elected at the State Convention.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

- Elected every 2 years at the various district conventions, 4 from each district.
- Our district has 4 representatives which serve on the State Central Committee. (Judy currently serves on the State Central Committee.)
- The state central committee meets quarterly, or as needed with the Chair of the Republican Party of Iowa.

SCOTT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION:

- This is a separate organization from the Scott County Republican Central Committee. It is composed of women in Scott County who wish to become more politically active and aware. They meet monthly, the second Monday of every month at The Clarion Hotel for lunch. Open to any woman, only elected women are those who get elected to the executive committee. Men may also join as an associate member.

RPI: REPUBLICAN PARTY OF IOWA:

- This is the state Republican Party organization office. Composed of an Executive Director, Organization Director, Data Director, Finance Director, and Office Manager. All positions are paid. In addition, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa works out of this office. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Republican Party are elected by the State Central Committee and each serves a 2 year term.

VICTORY OFFICE AND STAFF:

- This is the office that works with the state party and the county organizations on various aspects of getting out the vote and winning the election. Often we rent one of our individual offices to the “Victory staffer” who is the paid staff person who will work in Scott County.

SCOTT COUNTY REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS:

- In the months preceding an election, we rent a large headquarters, usually from June through November. After the election we move to a smaller office, which we try to find rent free. These spaces may vary depending on availability and amount of rent.

LINCOLN CLUB:

- A yearly membership option to help raise funds for the county GOP. Membership is either \$500 or \$250 per year and includes 3 political insider briefings, either lunches or breakfasts for 2 people. Political briefings feature a special guest. Previous guests have included: Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum, Steve King, Bobby Schilling, Tim Pawlenty, Michele Bachmann, Gentry Collins RNC Political Director.

RONALD REAGAN DINNER:

- Our major fundraising dinner held every fall featuring a special guest. Previous featured speakers include Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal, Scott Brown, George Pataki, Mitt Romney, Rick Perry. Also included is a silent auction.

ACRONYMS and other information you may come across:

SCR: Scott County Republicans

SCRW: Scott County Republican Women

RPI: Republican Party of Iowa

RNC: Republican National Committee

SCC: State Central Committee for the Republican Party of Iowa

2nd DEC: Second District Executive Committee

FEC: Federal Election Commission- All federal candidates and PAC’s must file reports of finances

PAC: Political Action Committee

Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board: All state candidates, local and state parties must file reports of finances