

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from August 23 to August 25, 2023. This meeting coincided with the first Republican Presidential Debate, which was held on August 23rd at the Fiserv Forum (i.e., the same location for the 2024 National Republican Presidential Convention).

Here is my report for the **Summer Meeting**:

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

This is the committee in charge of the 2024 National Republican Presidential Convention. As a member of this committee, we must approve every single detail for the convention, including ticketing, logistics, vendors, delegate experience, media, and various other activities surrounding the convention.

As this meeting was held in the same city which will hold the Presidential Convention, we had a lot of business to conduct. After a tour of the city, a vendor fair to determine which vendors should be included, and various meetings with local leaders and the RNC leads, we voted to form 3 sub-committees: (1) Delegate Experience; (2) Transportation, and (3) Volunteer Acquisition.

Also, members of the committee will assign two positions (an Aid and a Page) for each state to actively participate in the convention. As these are important positions and a great opportunity to engage our younger generations in the democratic process, I will create a process to determine who should represent Colorado at the 2024 National Republican Presidential Convention. So, please start thinking about the young, energetic, and reliable folks in your life for consideration. More to come on this topic in another report.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

After significant work, travel, and with a handful of very viable contenders, the committee recommended Houston, TX to host the 2028 National Republican Presidential Convention.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Our treasurer reported that an external audit performed in 2022 was clean.
- Despite some donor fatigue, in 2023, the RNC raised \$49.7 million, of which:
 - \$25.3 million came from small donors;
 - \$8.5 million came from online contributions; and
 - \$8.5 million came from major donors.
- At this rate, the RNC anticipates a \$26 million deficit for 2023.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

8 resolutions were presented to the committee and 6 resolutions were approved during the General Session, as one was withdrawn and another one was not filed on time.

The resolutions that passed were:

1. Resolution Honoring Robert “Mike “ Duncan For His Service To The Republican Party.
2. Resolution Urging A “Return to Excellence” In American Voting and Elections.

3. Resolution In Support Of An Emergency Declaration For The Southern Border.
4. Resolution To Protect Children From Unsafe Sex Trait Modification And Experimentation.
5. Resolution To Put The Vital National Interest Of The United States First In Dealing With Communist China.
6. Resolution To Urge Congress To Address Foreign National Owing Land Near U.S. Military Bases And Enforce Reciprocal Bans.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

The committee voted to create the position of Co-Vice Chair for the committee. After the vote was unanimously passed, we voted RNC member Harmeet Dhillon to it.

- Despite discussions, no amendments were made for Rules 16 to Rule 42.
- We will be discussing Rules 1 - 11 and Rules 13 – 26 during the 2024 Winter Meeting.

DEBATES COMMITTEE MEETING:

- The second Presidential Debate will be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California on September 27, 2023.
- The third debate is scheduled for October 2023. The place and time is TBD.

GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Mark Robinson, North Carolina Lt. Governor
- Ron De Santis, Florida Governor and Presidential Candidate
- Vivek Ramaswamy, Entrepreneur, Writer of *Woke, Inc.*, and Presidential Candidate
- The Houston Delegation for the 2028 National Republican Presidential Convention

GENERAL SESSION:

Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel expressed her gratitude to the staff and RNC members for a well-executed Presidential Debate. She spoke of unity and the importance of electing a Republican as the next President. Yet, the critical message from her was to promote the “Protect the Vote” and “Bank the Vote” initiatives. The Protect the Vote initiative is an effort from the RNC to maintain election integrity and fight the left’s attempt to destroy election safeguards. The Bank the Vote initiative is an effort to ensure Republicans commit to voting early this election cycle, because if we vote early, we win.

In closing, she reminded us, regardless of who we support during the primary, any Republican is significantly better than the current occupant of the White House or any of his potential clones.

Here are my take-home messages:

It was a great honor to attend the debate as the arena was full and the atmosphere was electric. It was truly a great event with a strong slate of candidates ably representing our party. I directly interacted with the candidates as well. So much so, I asked one of the presidential candidates about reigniting the “American Dream” among the younger generations. Only in America, an immigrant like me is given the opportunity to converse with a presidential candidate. This is -- and continues to be -- the greatest country in the world!

Let us make sure we keep it great by voting Republican in every election, from the school boards to the President of the United States. Let us unite. Let us volunteer. Let us vote early.

This is how we regain the White House in 2024!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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