

# Constitution and Bylaws Compilation: State Central Committee

## Purpose of the Committee

- The State Central Committee (SCC) is the governing and policy-making body of the Party.  
*(Utah Republican Party Constitution Article IV, A)*

## Membership

- Party Officers
  - State Party Chair
  - State Party Vice-Chair
  - State Party Secretary
  - State Party Treasurer
  - National Committeeman and National Committeewoman
  - Chair and Vice-Chair of each County Republican Party
  - County Representatives elected at the county organizing conventions  
*(Bylaw 3, B, 1 and 2)*
  - Presidents or Chairs of any organization designated as a Party Auxiliary by the SCC.  
*(URP Constitution Article III, B, 1-4; Article IV, B)*
- Elected Officials
  - Governor
  - U.S. Senator
  - U.S. Representative
  - State Attorney General
  - State Treasurer
  - State Auditor
  - Republican leader in both the Utah House and Utah Senate
  - Republican U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives may designate a representative to attend and vote when the elected official is unable to attend.
  - The Lieutenant Governor may attend and vote when the Governor is absent.  
*(URP Constitution Article IV, B)*

## Allocation and Election

- The SCC decides how many seats each county receives, in proportion to their relative Republican strength.  
*(Bylaw 3, A)*
- SCC members are elected by ballot at the County Organizing Convention.  
*(Bylaw 3, B, 2)*
- SCC members begin their term after the State Organizing Convention and serve for two years.  
*(URP Constitution Article XII, Section 6, F)*
- County Central Committees choose:
  - Time and place for Organizing Conventions.
  - Method of electing representatives to the SCC.  
*(URP Constitution Article XII, Section 6, C and D)*

## Duties and Limitations

### Members

- Attend the four quarterly regularly scheduled SCC meetings per year. (The Chair or 25% of the voting membership may call additional meetings.)  
(*URP Bylaw 2.0, A; URP Constitution Article IV, C*)
- May submit agenda items one week ahead of meetings, in written form.  
(*URP Bylaw 5.0, A*)
- Party Officers, National Committee members or paid staff may not use their titles in communications with the SCC members or State delegates about SCC issues, unless the issues have been approved by the SCC.  
(*URP Bylaw 7.2, C*)

### Committee

- Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)
  - Consider amendments received from the C&B Committee.  
(*URP Bylaw 7.5, H; Bylaw 1.3, C*)
  - May adopt bylaws to govern subjects not covered by the Constitution, but the bylaws must be consistent with the URP Constitution.  
(*URP Constitution, Article II, A*)
  - Adopts/modifies bylaws by a 2/3 vote.  
(*URP Constitution Article II, B*)
  - May amend the Constitution by a 2/3 vote, pending ratification at the State Convention.  
(*URP Constitution Article X, B*)
- Elections/Appointments/Removal
  - May remove members of elected or appointed committees listed in Article VI of URP Constitution by a 60% vote of a quorum.  
(*URP Bylaw 1.0, B*)
  - Fill officer vacancies within 90 days.  
(*URP Constitution Article III, D, 1*)
  - Fill vacancies on elected committees by an election at the first SCC meeting following the vacancy, if it occurs before notice of meeting has been given.  
(*URP Bylaw 1.1, E*)
  - Ratify appointments to vacant seats made by the State Party Chair.  
(*URP Bylaw 1.2, B*)
  - Approve appointments made by the State Party Chair.  
(*URP Constitution Article III, B, 1; Article VI, A, 1-2*)
  - Elect members of the Constitution and Bylaws and Audit Committees.  
(*URP Constitution Article VI, A, 3-4*)
  - May remove any officer by a 60% vote of all voting members of the SCC.  
(*URP Constitution Article III, D, 2*)
  - Replace candidates for statewide, U.S. Senate or Representative office in the event that a candidate is no longer eligible after nomination.  
(*URP Constitution Article XII, Section 8, B, 3*)
  - Set the total number of county representatives to the SCC.  
(*URP Constitution Article XII, Section 6, E*)

- Committees/Auxiliaries
  - Review and approve audit report from Audit Committee.  
(URP Bylaw 1.4, B)
  - Accept Petitions from Party Auxiliaries to remain Auxiliaries. May also rescind status at the recommendation of the State Executive Committee.  
(URP Bylaw 3.0, C and D)
- Reports
  - Approve the proposed budget at the last SCC meeting of the fiscal year.  
(URP Bylaw 1.5, D; URP Constitution Article VIII, A)
  - Hear quarterly fund-raising reports from the National Committeeman and Committeewoman.  
(URP Constitution Article IX, D)
- Convention
  - Set the number of delegates to the State Convention.  
(URP Constitution Article XII, Section 2, B)
  - Designate a time and place for the State Conventions.  
(URP Constitution Article XII, Section 3, A; Article XII, Section 7, A)
- Operations Manual
  - Have access (during business hours at State Party headquarters) to an operations manual containing information on office, administrative and financial procedures  
(URP Bylaw 4.0, A)
  - Ratify new policies and procedures adopted by the State Party Officers. Approve changes to Operations Manual proposed by State Party Officers.  
(URP Bylaw 4.0, C and D)

## Meetings

- Regular meetings are noticed by postmarking an agenda at least two weeks prior (one week for special meetings).  
(URP Constitution Article IV, E)
- Agenda:
  - Welcome
  - Prayer
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Adoption of agenda
  - Binding business
    - Requires a quorum (40 members) to be present.  
(URP Bylaw 2.0, B, URP Constitution Article IV, D)
    - Binding business requiring written material shall be included with notice of the meeting/agenda, except if a majority of the members in attendance vote to hear it.
  - Reports  
(URP Bylaw 5.0, A; URP Constitution Article IV, E)

### **Vacancies, Replacement, DeFacto Resignation**

- Vacancies are filled by the next highest, eligible vote recipient. If there is a tie, a coin toss decides. If the list is exhausted, the County Executive Committee will fill the vacancy.  
*(Bylaw 3, C)*
- If a member misses three meetings during a term for any reason, the member will be considered to have resigned and will be replaced.  
*(Bylaw 3, D)*