



Dear Delegate,

On behalf of the North Dakota Republican Party (“NDGOP”) and the State Convention team, I want to sincerely thank you for being a 2020 delegate to this year’s Convention. While I know that it is disappointing that we will not be able to gather in person, we have some important business before us that I wanted to call to your attention.

As I mentioned in previous communications, strong majorities of both the Executive Committee and the State Committee voted to have our constitutional offices be decided in the North Dakota Primary. For those offices, we were facing a hard deadline of making a decision by April 6th, and the Committees justifiably felt, in my opinion, that there was simply not enough time for the delegates to vote by mail or to develop a trusted internet option for their use.

While those offices will be selected by way of a primary, **we still have important decisions to make as a governing body.** It is through your dedication that the Republican Party remains strong in North Dakota, and we must not let these unusual circumstances dampen our enthusiasm.

We have been carefully considering the best way for paid, registered delegates to vote on the following matters:

1. National Committeeman
2. National Committeewoman
3. Delegates for the National Convention
4. Presidential Electors
5. Resolutions
6. Location for the 2022 Convention

In our discussions, promoting transparency and preserving the secret ballot afforded to us in the in-person Convention process have been paramount concerns. The most trusted option available to us in North Dakota is the absentee ballot process. **Therefore, our plan is to mail each paid and registered delegate a ballot to vote on the issues listed above.** Importantly, we have made every effort to discuss this with candidates running in contested races, and, fortunately, these candidates are in agreement that this is the best path forward.

Upon receiving a ballot, you will complete it and place it in a secrecy envelope that will not identify you before putting it in a return envelope. The sealed ballots in the secrecy envelopes will then be placed in the ballot box for tabulation with opportunities for interested parties to observe.

Again, as I have stated in my previous letters, only those delegates who are paid and registered can vote in this election. It is important to maintain consistent eligibility criteria, in my opinion, to ensure fairness in this process. It was, however, never NDGOP's intention to make a profit from the State Convention; we had only intended to cover the event's costs. For the vast majority of you who have elected to keep your registration, we thank you and we will be offering a rebate to you once we determine the costs of the event that cannot be refunded. **If you would still like a full refund and to be removed as a voting delegate, please let us know by noon on Friday, March 27th.**

These are extremely difficult times for North Dakota's small businesses and families, but I am heartened in seeing North Dakotans across the state pull together to get through this storm as we always have.

Thank you again for your dedication and patience.

Sincerely,

Rick Berg
Chairman, North Dakota Republican Party