

Date: April 8, 2008

To: State Credentials Committee or other governing body

RE: Challenge to:

1. Zan (Statham) Prince, County Chairman for Parker County, TX
2200 Lake Country Drive, Weatherford, 76087 817-594-5029 Voter ID - Unknown
2. Charlene Roberson, Temporary and Permanent Credentials Committee Chairman
607 Southland Drive, Weatherford, TX 76086 817-598-1537 Voter ID -1011225763
3. Janifer Barton, Temporary and Permanent Nominations Committee Chairman
1917 Clear Creek Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087 817-597-8702 Voter ID - Unknown
4. Ken Davis, Temporary and Permanent Resolutions (Platform) Committee Chairman
109 Mariah Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087 817-229-2714 Voter ID - 1011160773
5. Graham Quisenberry, Temporary and Permanent Rules Committee Chairman
708 Remuda Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108 817-448-8467 Voter ID - 1011231925
6. Evon Markum, Temporary and Permanent Permanent Organization Committee Chairman
510 Ridgeway Blvd., Weatherford, TX 76086 817-694-2476 Voter ID - Unknown
7. And all participating Committee Members of said committees as reported by the above-listed committee chairs. (This information was withheld by the chairman until the report of the committees at the convention was read to the delegates making it impossible for us to individually name these people).

Madam Chairman,

Please deliver the following challenges to the Republican State Officials Committee (as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC) or in the alternative if appropriate to the Temporary Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

We, the undersigned, having voted in the 2008 Presidential Primary Elections held March 4, 2008 find it necessary, pursuant to Rule 11b(1) of the Texas Republican Party's General Rules For All Conventions and Meetings, to be charged with the duty of recognizing, identifying and rectifying any infraction of these rules to the integrity of the Republican Party; and following the procedures outlined in Rule 27 (2) for filing said challenge, please be advised that this letter serves as our Challenge to the above-listed individuals. (that information being withheld by the chairman until the report of the committees at the convention was read to the delegates makes it impossible for us to individually name these people).

These named person(s) intentionally violated the Laws of Texas (TEC) and the RPT Rules and in accordance with the above-cited Rules we hereby specify the grounds for the challenge and detail the specific rule or rules we allege to have been violated:

Rule No. 14 Open Meeting and Right to Testify

All meetings of any committee or sub-committee of any convention, whether it be in temporary or permanent organization, shall be open to any delegate or alternate to that convention... These same people shall have the right to appear before any convention committee or sub-committee and make recommendations for the committee's consideration or testify concerning any item under purview of the committee...

As evidenced below, all above-named committee chairman, members thereof, and the county chair held undisclosed and secret meetings and denied our right to attend, testify, etc.

1. To our knowledge, at least 10 individual Republican County Convention Delegates made a request for the names of the Temporary Committee. In addition, each of these individuals, when the names of these committee chairs were not provided, requested the meeting times and locations of the committees. The requests were made via telephone, e-mail and in person. No information was provided to any delegate.

2. Many of these same delegates, as well as others, obtained the names of *some* (not all) of the committee chairs from the Parker County GOP website prior to the mailing of the original challenges made at the county convention and attempted to contact the listed chairs with requests for meeting times, dates and places. Those phone calls and e-mails never received a response from any of them at the writing of the initial challenge. In addition, only one of the individuals listed on the website at the time was the actual chair for the committee they were listed to be chairing.

3. After having made numerous requests and filing a challenge which was delivered to Mrs. Prince on Thursday, March 27th regarding these infractions of the rules, information regarding meetings was posted at our local courthouse (which is rarely visited by the citizenry) allowing only the 8 hour timeframe on Friday, March 28th for obtaining the requested information at the courthouse. There was NO notification that this would be the place to find the information. As of the morning of March 27th, nothing new was posted on the website. (See Attachment #3) Sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on March 27th, 2008, a scant 37 hours before the convention was scheduled to begin, the names and some of the meetings times were posted on the website. The posted time (even after the convention had closed) for the credentials committee meeting was 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 29th at the convention location (no specified room number or other identifying information) although the meeting was found to have been over at 7:58 when “attended” by 3 delegates (See video.)

4. Even though none of the committees had more than 5 members, none of the above who requested inclusion on a committee was allowed to serve on any committee. Notification to each of the individuals who had been told they could serve on a committee was received by them Friday, March 28th in the afternoon from the County Chair or the committee chair that they would NOT be allowed to serve on the committee(s). Further, no information was given regarding attendance as an observer either. (See Attached #2; an e-mail from county chair.)

5. It was found by 2 of the delegates that Charlene Roberson reported numerous times that she “didn’t have time” to talk with the delegates requesting participation because she was “the only one” working on the credentials of all of the elected delegates and there were “numerous” problems. The delegates repeatedly offered to assist and were repeatedly refused. According to the rules, there is to be a minimum of 5 people on this committee to “credential” the delegates.

The Response:

1. Until Thursday, March 27th, 2008, all requests were denied or ignored. Several reasons were given including:

a. In the attached e-mail (See Attachment #1), Mrs. Prince responded to the request for the names and contact information by giving the name only of the Resolutions Committee Chair and saying, “**...I’ve given him your e-mail address.**” As of this writing, no correspondence has been received by this delegate from the named Resolutions Committee Chair. The same delegate requested the e-mail and/or phone number of that committee chair in person and was told by Mrs. Prince that she did “**not have time for this.**” The delegate was told to “**look it up in the phone book.**”

b. To a number of the requests that have been made by delegates, Mrs. Prince has responded, “**I will forward your information to that chair.**” There has been no evidence that any of those names were forwarded in any manner to any of the committee chairs. It is thought to be common courtesy to include any correspondence concerning a person with that individual.

c. **As of the this writing, neither Mrs. Prince, nor any of the committee chairs, has responded via telephone or e-mail to more than 20 requests made by the several delegates other than to inform them that their services are not needed – some due to inexperience; others because the chair “chose” their own committee members.**

d. Mrs. Prince on some occasions has told the delegate requesting the information to “**go to the Parker County GOP website**” to retrieve the information. Upon consulting the website, it has been found to be outdated and without all of the information. Not all of the committee chairs were listed until after the receipt by Mrs. Prince of the filed challenges. And of the listed times and places (not all had times, dates or places listed for the meetings of the committee), at least one as of this writing listed an 8:00 a.m. March 29th starting time but was convened at 7:30 a.m. And, as noted above, when delegates contacted the chairs listed on the website, most did not reply at all.

2. Upon receipt of the original challenges, committee chairs and some meeting times, dates, and locations information was posted on the website. Attempts were made by several of the delegates who originally requested the information to attend and participate in those meetings. Below is the result of those attempts:

a. The above-described delegates arrived at the county convention location by about 7:30. An attempt was made by 2 delegates to “register” for the convention and they were turned away having been told that they could not

register until 8:00 a.m. NO ONE was allowed to register before 8:00 a.m. and NO ONE was told that the Credentials Committee was meeting early at 7:30 a.m.

b. Upon registering, the above-described delegates asked where the committee meetings were. They were “waved” down the hall and went in search of the 8:00 a.m. Credentials Committee meeting. Upon their arrival, the “committee members” hastily began gathering up their paperwork and the Chair, Charlene Roberson, tried to adjourn the meeting. But, the delegates asked about the determination on the challenges wherein Ms. Roberson informed them that the challenges had been found to have no merit. Delegates made attempts to show that the meeting was not to have been convened until 8:00 a.m. (See Video)

c. Shortly after, the Nominations Committee met and at least 2 of the delegates made an attempt to attend and participate in that meeting. (See same Video as noted above)

1.) They were not “included” in the proceedings; but tartly answered by the chair when they asked questions concerning the list of nominations. The physical list of nominations was freely shared with “chosen” committee members but never offered to the other attending delegates forcing them to “intrude” in order to gain information that would have allowed input by them into the process of choosing the nominees to be recommended to the delegation.

2.) As members of the “chosen” 5 committee members arrived in the room, they were greeted and encouraged to “have a seat”. Delegates who attended in order to “make recommendations for the committee’s consideration or testify concerning any item under purview of the committee” were denied their opportunity to participate in the process.

3. In addition, times, dates and locations were never announced for some of the committee meetings.

a. It is still unclear when or where the Resolutions/Platform Committee met although copies of the resolutions that were presented to the delegation were available at the beginning of the convention. When and where was the perusal and decision made on the “stacks” (according the county chair) of resolutions offered up by the voting body in attendance of the precinct conventions considered? And who were the individuals making those decisions? No one, outside of the county chair and her chosen group, knows the answers to these questions. Mr. Ken Davis has been named as that chair numerous times and attempts to obtain the information needed to contact him have gone unanswered.

b. According to Rule 23, “**All** resolutions adopted by the next lower level convention shall be considered by the Temporary Platform and Resolutions committee of the next higher level convention”. One delegate still has the resolutions of Precincts 205 and 115 in Parker County, in her possession having never been notified of the meeting details and unable to contact the chair. Those resolutions, voted on and approved by approximately 20 attendees of their respective precinct conventions, were ignored as was the will of those people.

c. The Permanent Organization meeting has never been announced, posted or otherwise shared with the delegation of the Parker County Republican County Convention.

In Conclusion, since it is fact that the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas state that all committee meetings are to be open to all delegates for observance, testimony and to make recommendations, and this “right” has been hindered and even denied, we surmise that the delegates’ right to participate in the process has been disenfranchised. When the rules state definitively that there are to be “no less than 5” committee members and we have already found a single individual doing the entire work of the committee, we begin to question the validity of any of the committees. Mrs. Prince, being the County Chair and charged with the “organization” of the County Convention, has not fulfilled the mandate of her role; Mrs. Roberson, being the Chairman of the Credentials Committee having held the committee meeting ahead of the scheduled time and having been found to be doing the work by herself and denying anyone else the right to participate, has not held to the rules of the Republican Party of Texas; Mrs. Barton, being the Chairman of the Nominations Committee and showing blatant favoritism to certain individuals and by using as a criteria for worthiness to be a delegate to state the delegates’ financial involvement in the party, has disenfranchised the entire delegation; Mr. Quisenberry, Mrs. Markum, and Mr. Davis, being designated Chairmen of the Rules, Permanent Organization and Resolutions/Platform

Committees respectively, and having accomplished the business of those committees without proper notice given to the duly-elected delegates, have disenfranchised the entire delegation by prohibiting the participation thereof.

We the undersigned do request that this Challenge be upheld by the State Credentials Committee, or other governing body, by executing the required consequences on Mrs. Zan (Statham) Prince, Mrs. Charlene Roberson, Mr. Graham Quisenberry, Mrs. Evon Markum, and Mr. Ken Davis and their chosen Committee Members as required in Rule #11 (b) "...shall be removed from serving as a delegate to any convention of the Party at any level throughout the year."

We further assert that the Parker County Republican County Convention was not a work executed by the delegation but rather a work of the above-listed individuals and the product of prejudiced individuals who were intentionally and blatantly excluding high numbers of individuals making every attempt to participate in the process. We would therefore request that the minutes which have been submitted be declared "null and void" since there is not true representation of the voting body of Parker County, TX.

Sincerely,

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