

**Minutes of the General Session
RNC Summer Meeting
August 1-4, 2007
Minneapolis, MN**

The General Session of the Republican National Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Duncan at 10:10 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007, at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Chairman Duncan asked Cindy Moyle, National Committeewoman for Idaho, to deliver the invocation. The Chairman then asked Brian Sullivan, National Committeeman for Minnesota, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Duncan then called for a moment of silence to observe all those affected by the tragic 35W Bridge Collapse and recognized the National Committee Members from Minnesota, National Committeeman Brian Sullivan, National Committeewoman Evie Axdahl and State Chairman Ron Carey.

Brian Sullivan, the National Committeeman for Minnesota made a motion to convey the sense of the Chairman and the committee to the citizens of Minnesota. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

The Chairman introduced those seated at the head table, including Jo Ann Davidson, Co-Chairman; Blake Hall, General Counsel; Sara Gear Boyd, Secretary; Anne Hathaway, Chief of Staff and Tim Morgan, Treasurer. He then announced the members serving on the Proxy Committee as follows: Chairman of the Proxy Committee and State Chairman for California, Ron Nehring; Joyce Lyons Terhes, National Committeewoman for Maryland; Peter Torkildsen, State Chairman for Massachusetts; Cindy Phillips, National Committeewoman for Mississippi; Jim Burnett, National Committeeman for Arkansas; Mary Jo Arndt, National Committeewoman for Illinois; Ray Hoffman, State Chairman for Iowa; Jan Larimer, National Committeewoman for Wyoming and Dick Wadhams, State Chairman for Colorado.

While the Proxy Committee assembled in the rear of the room to review the proxies received, Sara Gear Boyd, RNC Secretary and National Committeewoman for Vermont, called the roll. Upon conclusion, she announced that a quorum was present.

Chairman Duncan then recognized Ron Nehring, Chairman of the Proxy Committee and State Chairman for California, who announced that the Proxy Committee received and reviewed twenty-six (26) proxies and found all 26 proxies in order. He then motioned to accept the Proxy Committee report. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Chairman Duncan announced that without objection, the RNC business would be conducted according to the agenda before the members. There was no objection and Chairman Duncan proceeded with the agenda.

Chairman Duncan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2007 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. Roger Villere, National Committeeman for Louisiana proposed one correction. The Chairman continued with the approval of the minutes, as presented with the one correction. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Duncan then turned the gavel over to RNC Co-Chairman Jo Ann Davidson.

Co-Chairman Davidson introduced the four (4) new National Committee Members who have been elected since the 2007 RNC Winter Meeting. A motion was made to ratify the election of the new National Committee Members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Co-Chairman Davidson then congratulated and welcomed the twenty-six (26) new State Chairmen elected since the 2007 RNC Winter Meeting.

The Co-Chairman then reported the results from the Committee on Contests election held that morning in the regional breakfasts. Election results are as follows: Cindy Moyle, National Committeewoman for Idaho and Vance Day, State Chairman for Oregon in the Western Region; Connie Nicholas, National Committeewoman for North Dakota and Ron Schmidt, National Committeeman for South Dakota in the Midwestern Region; Joyce Terhes, National Committeewoman for Maryland and Tony Parker, National Committeeman for Washington, D.C. in the Northeastern Region; Gail Russell, National Committeewoman for Kentucky and Jim Burnett, National Committeeman for Arkansas in the Southern Region.

Co-Chairman Davidson then introduced Chairman Duncan for his remarks. Chairman Duncan began by thanking the delegation from Minnesota, the Committee on Arrangements, the RNC staff and each member of the Republican National Committee. The Chairman pointed out that 'Republican for a Reason' is not only a theme for the meeting, but part of the RNC's strategic plan for the next two years. The Chairman highlighted the principles of the Republican Party: a strong national defense, individual responsibility and lower taxes and less government.

Chairman Duncan reported that the RNC is running at full speed. In the first 6 months, the RNC raised over \$50 million, thanks to the contributions of 650,000 donors. The RNC has \$15.4 million cash on hand compared to the Democrats' \$2 million cash on hand and the Chairman emphasized that the money is being saved and will be spent on electing Republicans to office, particularly the next President and Vice President of the United States. The Chairman spoke about the importance of reaching potential voters through the internet and new technology. He highlighted the importance of reaching young people to educate and train them to be the future of the Republican Party. Chairman Duncan concluded by stating the planning stage is over for the RNC and they are ready to execute the strategic plan to secure a victory on November 4, 2008. He thanked the committee and introduced Co-Chairman Davidson and invited her to deliver the Co-Chairman's report.

Co-Chairman Davidson reported the successful completion of four Regional Republican Women Leadership Conferences in Washington, D.C., Nashville, Dallas and Seattle. She talked about the efforts put forth to expand the women's coalition and the importance of maintaining a comprehensive database of Republican Women.

The Co-Chairman highlighted the progress of the 2008 RNC Convention. She spoke of the leadership of Maria Cino, the President and CEO, and the 15 staffers already on the ground working out of the office space just opened in St. Paul. Co-Chairman Davidson reported that the Host Committee is up and operating. They met their first financial goal of raising \$3.9 million by July 15th under the terms of the site selection agreement. The COA staff is working hard to put under contract approximately 93 hotels. The Co-Chairman reported they will be launching their web site soon and will continue to deliver COA information and updates via the newsletter. She continued to say COA is working cooperatively and bipartisanship to secure the required Federal dollars allotted to off-set the cost of the security.

Co-Chairman Davidson concluded by thanking the members of COA for their dedication and looks forward to working with the members in the upcoming months to plan and execute a successful convention.

Chairman Duncan thanked Co-Chairman Davidson for her remarks and called on RNC Treasurer and National Committeeman for California, Tim Morgan, to give his report.

Mr. Morgan started by describing his role as Treasurer and reporting after several trips to the RNC headquarters and meeting with department heads he believes the RNC is meeting the expectations of the committee. He reported he saw no improprieties while visiting the RNC and is comfortable with the internal operation. Next, Mr. Morgan applauded the Finance Department for raising over \$45 million in the first 6 months of this year in a challenging political climate. Mr. Morgan continued by acknowledging the great job Anne Hathaway and Jay Banning are doing of managing the budget and controlling expenditures. Mr. Morgan concluded by emphasizing the experience, dedication and sense of urgency that the RNC staff shares and applauds the leadership of the Chairman, Co-Chairman and Chief of Staff.

Chairman Duncan thanked Tim Morgan for his remarks and called upon Blake Hall, RNC General Counsel and National Committeeman for Idaho to deliver his remarks.

Mr. Hall began by introducing the staff of the Counsel's Office and describing the important functions and day-to-day activities of the Counsel's Office. First, he spoke of the Counsel's Office duty of providing assistance and advice to members, State parties and campaigns in complying with a myriad of Federal and State laws. Mr. Hall highlighted the four regional Legal Compliance Seminars that will be conducted by the Counsel's Office in Boston, Las Vegas, Dallas and Indianapolis. Next he pointed out the work that is done by the Counsel's Office to promote and defend the party's interest. Third, the Counsel's Office monitors pending legislation and assesses its potential effects on the RNC. Finally, the Counsel's Office serves as the RNC's attorneys, and strives to assist every member of the committee including active involvement in the Committee on Arrangements and the

2008 Convention process. Mr. Hall concluded by thanking Chairman Duncan for the privilege of working with him and the Co-Chairman.

Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Hall for the General Counsel's report and asked the members to stand in recess.

The General Session was called to recess at 11:01 a.m.

At 11:08 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007, Co-Chairman Davidson called the General Session of the 2007 RNC Summer Meeting back to order.

Chairman Duncan introduced First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush.

Mrs. Bush thanked the Chairman and Co-Chairman, the RNC officer team and the Minnesota delegation for all the work they do for the Republican National Committee. Mrs. Bush spoke of visiting the site of the 35W Bridge Collapse in Minneapolis and meeting with Governor Pawlenty, the Mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul and the first responders to the tragic event. She spoke of being lifted by the sights of heroism at the site of the bridge collapse and thanked the first responders, the police, the firemen, the divers, the recovery groups and the American Red Cross. She thanked the committee members for their continued support of the Republican Party and for supporting her husband, the President.

Chairman Duncan thanked First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush, and called upon Anne Hathaway, Chief of Staff of the RNC, to deliver her report.

Ms. Anne Hathaway began by describing the RNC staff as young, enthusiastic and working nonstop to make sure the members have the tools, technology and training needed to deliver Republican victories this year and in 2008. She applauded and thanked the Chairman, Co-Chairman and Officer Team for putting together a great staff. Ms. Hathaway concluded by saying the RNC will stay focused on the goals and strategize from Election Day backwards to be victorious in 2008 despite many distractions put forth by the Democrats.

Chairman Duncan thanked Ms. Hathaway and then called on the Chairman of the Budget Committee and National Committeeman for Massachusetts, Ron Kaufman, to give his report. Ron Kaufman first reinforced the remarks made by the Treasurer and the Chief of Staff in regards to the great staff at the RNC. Mr. Kaufman then announced the RNC has raised almost \$45 million in the first 6 months of 2007, \$2 million more than expected. The RNC processed 875,000 contributions, including 50,000 new contributors. The overall average contribution is \$51.77. Mr. Kaufman reported that the RNC was under budget by approximately half a million dollars. As of April 30, 2007, the RNC has approximately \$14.5 million cash on hand. He continued to say the Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 2, 2007, reviewed and approved the amended budget for 2007. Mr. Kaufman then moved to approve the budget, as proposed, for 2007. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Ron Kaufman and invited Mr. David Norcross, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules and National Committeeman for New Jersey, to give his report.

Mr. Norcross reported the Rules Committee met the previous day and considered rules regarding the next national convention. A majority of the time was spent discussing Rule 15, which deals with the selection of delegates and the timing of that selection. It was decided that the Rules Committee will further discuss the matter in January, in order to make recommendations to the entire committee at next year's summer meeting.

At the conclusion of the Rules Committee report, Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Norcross and invited Mr. Hall to deliver the Resolutions Committee report on behalf of the Resolutions Committee Chairman and National Committeeman for Maine, Peter Cianchette, who was not able to attend Friday's General Session.

Mr. Hall announced that copies of the proposed resolutions were timely submitted and approved by the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions were distributed to the full committee for consideration. Mr. Hall requested the committee omit the reading of the resolutions. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Blake Hall reported that the Resolutions Committee met the previous day to consider all resolutions timely submitted by members prior to the meeting of the General Session. Of the five (5) resolutions considered by the committee, the committee recommended adoption of four resolutions and declined to adopt the fifth resolution. The four resolutions the committee recommends for adoption are, (1) a resolution celebrating the life and honoring the memory of John Rueden, (2) a resolution recognizing the contributions of the esteemed Republican statesman from Idaho, Janet Miller, (3) a resolution urging immediate congressional action to secure our borders and (4) a resolution supporting global conservative principles. The committee declined to adopt a resolution to oppose ONE Vote '08. Mr. Hall concluded his report and moved for the report of the Resolutions to be adopted by the full committee. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

The General Session was called to recess at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

At 2:30 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007, Chairman Duncan called the General Session of the 2007 RNC Summer Meeting back to order.

Chairman Duncan introduced Mrs. Ann Romney, former First Lady of Massachusetts. Mrs. Romney expressed her sorrow for those affected by the 35W Bridge collapse and expressed gratitude to those who lovingly loaned their help. She continued by saying she had a surprise special guest and then introduced her husband, Governor Mitt Romney.

Governor Romney started by acknowledging the 35W Bridge Collapse and declared that Americans are at their best when called to respond to a crisis. Governor Romney

continued by addressing the domestic and international challenges Americans face and the unique approach we have when dealing with these challenges as Republicans. He started by saying he will cap non-military discretionary Federal spending at an inflation rate of less than 1%. He proposed lowering taxes on American Corporations to attract more jobs to the United States. Governor Romney declared that the death tax should be killed once and for all. He believes Americans should have a savings plan that is not taxed, enabling them to save and buy at their discretion.

Governor Romney stated that Americans are using too much oil and believes we should be invested and support technologies that improve and develop biodiesel, biofuel, ethanol, cellulosic ethanol, nuclear power, wind power, solar power, liquefied coal and promote greater fuel efficiency in our homes and cars. Governor Romney also addressed the challenge of healthcare and the 45 million people who are without health insurance. He believes in the private sector's ability to deliver healthcare by allowing States to develop their own healthcare plan with the support of the Federal Government.

Governor Romney declared that he believes radical jihad is the greatest threat facing Americans. He talked about the threat being unlike anything we have seen before and recognized the President for keeping us safe for the last 6 years. He hopes for a surge of public support for our troops that can match the surge of sacrifice on behalf of military men and women and their families. Governor Romney finished by highlighting the American spirit - the love of liberty, the love of freedom, the love of opportunity and the willingness to sacrifice for one another time and again. Governor Romney declared that he is confident that the United States will always be a great, strong nation that is the hope of the world.

Chairman Duncan thanked Governor Mitt Romney for his remarks and introduced Mr. Mike DuHaime, surrogate speaker and campaign manager for Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Mr. Mike DuHaime started by echoing Governor Romney's thoughts and prayers to the people affected by the tragedy in Minneapolis. Mr. DuHaime continued to say he is supporting Mayor Giuliani for two main reasons: Mayor Giuliani is going to keep the United States on the offense in the Islamic jihadist terrorist war against the United States and because he is the best positioned to keep America moving forward in the global economy. Mike DuHaime stated that Mayor Giuliani is best prepared for being the President of the United States because he has the executive experience of running New York City - a government that is bigger than 38 states and only second to the state of California in terms of numbers of employees and size of government. Mayor Rudy Giuliani governed New York City as a true fiscal conservative. He turned a \$2.9 billion deficit into a multibillion-dollar surplus. He cut taxes 23 times and empowered the individual. New York City went from being the most dangerous large city in America to the safest large city during Mayor Giuliani's tenure in office. There was a 56% reduction in crime, well more than the national average. Mr. DuHaime continued to say the reason Mayor Giuliani was able to do this is because he brought accountability to the government, something that is needed in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Giuliani has made the commitment to cut taxes, bring accountability and discipline to Washington, end illegal immigration, reduce the number of abortions in this country and to put healthcare into the hands of consumers and empower the people. DuHaime declared that the number one issue at hand is the terrorist war on America and Mayor Giuliani is going to keep us on the offense. He believes Mayor Giuliani is best situated to handle the terrorist war on America because of the poise and confidence he showed on September 11, 2001 and because of his years of experience he has had working against terrorism and international criminals through his work as a U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Mr. DuHaime concluded by highlighting the importance of the Republican National Committee and thanked the committee for providing resources to candidates and helping them win elections. He affirmed that Mayor Giuliani is the best candidate to win the 2008 election and that he will win the target states. DuHaime acknowledged that the political environment is difficult and reiterates the need to have Mayor Giuliani at the top of the ticket to secure a Republican victory.

Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Mike DuHaime for delivering remarks on behalf of Mayor Rudy Giuliani. He then introduced, Mr. Van D. Hipp, Chairman of American Defense International and surrogate speaker for Congressman Duncan Hunter.

Mr. Hipp announced that Congressman Hunter had asked him to extend his best wishes to the members of the committee. Mr. Hipp continued to say that he believes, as a conservative Republican, the 2008 election will be the most important election in our Nation's history. Congressman Duncan Hunter's experience includes working on the ground as an Airborne Ranger, working as a long range patrol leader in Vietnam and over 25 years on the House Armed Services Committee, including 4 years as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Congressman Hunter has the depth, background and experience best tailored to face the most important issues of our time, terrorist and national security issues.

Mr. Van Hipp stated that there is nothing more important than the security of the American people and the preservation and survival of the republic. He went on to say that Congressman Hunter is a man who has led the fight for a national right-to-life amendment, has been talking about securing the borders before 9/11, recognizes the threat from communist China and believes in the restoration of faith and family. Mr. Van Hipp concluded by saying Congressman Hunter is a man of depth and substance, is appealing to the Republican base and is the man America needs as their next Commander in Chief.

Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Hipp for representing Congressman Duncan Hunter and then introduced Mr. Ari Storch, who was speaking on behalf of Senator Sam Brownback.

Mr. Storch began by saying he supports Senator Brownback because he believes America needs a leader who can unite our country around a common purpose and who has a vision of American greatness. Mr. Storch believes America needs a leader who's been at the forefront of the issues that face our country, both domestically and internationally, and a

leader who has moral clarity. Mr. Storch recognized Senator Brownback for being on the forefront of these important issues for many years. Senator Brownback has been a leader on the Sudan issue, worked with Iran opposition groups, addressed Israeli politics and democracy and has had the opportunity to stand firmly against Hezbollah and Hamas. Mr. Storch continued to say that the reason he supports Senator Brownback is because he is a humble man. Senator Brownback's principles are the principles of the Republican Party. They are the principles of faith, freedom and family.

Mr. Storch continued to say that Senator Brownback values freedom and a free economy. He has vowed never to vote for a tax increase and swears he will never sign one into law. He is committed to life and fighting for human dignity. Mr. Ari Storch concluded by saying Senator Brownback is what America is about. He is about faith, family and freedom. Mr. Storch then thanked the committee for having him at the meeting to represent Senator Brownback.

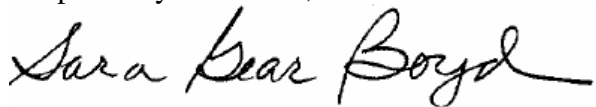
Chairman Duncan thanked Mr. Storch for speaking on behalf of Senator Brownback. The Chairman continued to thank all of the candidates and surrogate speakers. He reminded the members of the committee that the RNC will remain neutral during the primaries and support all candidates. He reported that the RNC invited all the major presidential candidates to speak at the General Session at the 2007 Summer Meeting.

Chairman Duncan announced that several RNC members had been recently appointed to presidential boards and commissions. He congratulated Blake Hall, General Counsel and National Committeeman for Idaho, for being appointed to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy at West Point and Jim Herring, State Chairman for Mississippi, for being designated Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

The Chairman announced the RNC Winter Meeting will be held January 16-19, 2008 in Washington, D.C.

Finally, Chairman Duncan requested a motion to adjourn the General Session of the 2007 Summer Meeting of the Republican National Committee. He recognized Diane Adams, National Committeewoman for Indiana, for making a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Gear Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara Gear Boyd
Republican National Committee Secretary