

Dear Madam Kea Warne:

Per your request on our phone call this afternoon, I am providing the following information. I will try and keep this as simple and straight forward as possible

1) In 2016 elections were held by the South Dakota Constitution Party and the following people were elected to office: Lora Hubble was elected chairman; Joel Bergan was elected vice chairman; and Lori Stacey was elected as Secretary/ Treasurer.

2) At some point in time later, Lora became frustrated that Lori Stacey failed to provide her with financial statements of revenue and expenses of the party. Because of this she apparently threatened to resign her office but never did. As chairman she was ultimately responsible for accurate reporting of the party's finances.

3) In 2018, Lora filed to run for office on the Republican Party. Per the by laws this automatically disqualified her from being chairman. I was not able to confirm this until this past week when I was able to get access to the party bylaws. After studying them, I am satisfied that her changing her voter registration to another party did disqualify her from being chairman.

4) Per the party by-laws, JoelBergan then became the chairman of the party. That is clearly stated in the by-laws.

5) However, at some point Lori assumed the chairmanship of the party, something not provided for in the by-laws. Only the chairman and vice chairman had that prerogative. She also appointed another person to be the Secretary, again something that was not permitted by the party by laws.

Based on this information, it is clear to me that Joel Bergan is the chairman of the party and remains such with the ability to fill vacancies of state party leadership authorized by the party bylaws including the appointment of a new vice chairman. Monday evening I was on a conference call with a very qualified person in parliamentary procedures that concurred with this reasoning.

I am not including the by laws and other documents with this email since those are already on file with your office.

In conclusion, the national party tries to avoid getting involved in local state party matters. When requested we do try to provide advice and council to the best of our ability. I hope that what I have provided will be of assistance to you. Should you need further information, kindly so advise.

Respectfully,

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