



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Doug Little, Chairman

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## ***The Lincoln Link – February, 2013***

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**District Meeting – February 14, 2013  
6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library  
10101 North 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale**

**Learn about the new Business Network for District 23. There will be a presentation by the Business Network Committee.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – DOUG LITTLE**

Most of you know that I recently ran for Chairman of the Arizona Republican party. During the roughly six weeks that I campaigned for that office I learned several things.

First, I learned that there are many committed and very hard working PCs out there that strongly believe in our party and the values that we all hold so dear.

Second, I learned that there are also very deep divisions in the Arizona Republican Party both politically and philosophically on some issues.

Third, I learned that there are a great many of us who would like to see the internal divisiveness and infighting end.

As Chairman of the AZ GOP, I hoped to be able to address these issues and become a unifying force for Republicans in Arizona. Unfortunately, that was not to be the case. I do believe that my message was gaining traction and had I entered the race earlier, we might have seen a different outcome.

At the District level, I still believe it is possible for us to come together for common benefit since our ultimate objective is to elect solid Republicans to public office and to insure that those we do elect are

accountable to us, thus allowing us to protect and pursue those values that are so important to us as Republicans.

To accomplish this, we **MUST** come together and stop the infighting. We will never agree on all the issues and philosophies, but instead we must try and focus on where we agree and push towards our common goals of electing Republicans and stopping Democrat encroachment into our state. We have already seen the Democrats turn a primarily red state like Colorado into a blue state by following their plan to divide Republicans and dominate local and district elections. We cannot allow the "Colorado Blueprint" to become the "Arizona Blueprint."

We must also stop the personal attacks and recrimination that I have seen firsthand in our district and our state organizations. The elections for our district, county and state leadership are over. It is now time to work together and put personal differences aside. In our district, I want to do everything possible to make our LD 23 the best organized and most effective district in Arizona, but to do this we must work together.

Over the coming weeks as your Executive Board finalizes some of the plans we have for LD 23, we will begin to share them and solicit your opinions and guidance. Organizationally, we may hit a few rough patches as we move through the process and we ask you to be patient with us. We will get things smoothed out as soon as possible, but we need your support and your constructive suggestions instead of complaints and criticism.

Finally, you must all understand that it is my personal intention and the intention of the Executive Board to make this the very best LD in Arizona and to have every PC in the district to be proud to be a part of the LD 23 Republican Committee...and that ultimately is what we all want, isn't it?

## **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE ROMACK**

On February 12th there will be a Precinct Committeeman Day being held at the State Capitol.

Please try to attend. Also, please invite anyone who may be interested in becoming a Precinct Committeeman. Details have been sent out in an e-mail, and information on the event can also be accessed at: <http://www.azedu.org/>

In the next few months, steps will be taken to give all of us PCs the tools that we need to be as successful as possible. We will address training, membership, communication and voter registration.

Stay tuned!

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE MELI**

Please plan to bring your business cards and best ideas to our February 14th meeting! We will be presenting members of our LD23 Business Network committee. They will discuss the three key elements of the new network: web page design and architecture, social media implementation and business and social network event coordination.

We are planning, with your help, to roll out our new network in March. Come and be a part of creating history; LD 23's first business network!

## **DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – VERA HEMINGER, SECRETARY**

**I. Call to Order** – The Monthly General Meeting of the Members of Arizona Legislative District 23, held at the Mustang Library located at 10101 North 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 on January 10, 2013, was called to order at approximately 7:03 PM by Chairman Doug Little. Present were First Vice Chairman Joe Romack, Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli, Treasurer Linda Rizzo and Secretary Vera Heminger. Also present by invitation were Congressman David Schweikert, Lisa Gray, Paul Brierley, Rene Lopez, Walter Dudley, A.J. LaFaro, April Riggins and Jeni White.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Reverend C.T. Wright who preceded the Invocation by a call for unity in the Party.

**III. Approval of Minutes** – Since there was no Meeting in December 2012, there were no Minutes to be approved.

**IV. Introduction of Elected Officials and Guests** – Chairman Doug Little introduced the elected officials present, as well as candidates and guests.

**V. Swearing-In of State Committeemen by Congressman David Schweikert** – The newly elected State Committeemen were sworn in and Congressman David Schweikert administered the oath of office.

**VI. Discussion, Question & Answer Session by Congressman David Schweikert** – Next, the Congressman discussed, in interactive format, the upcoming action in Congress, the challenges ahead for Republicans with respect to the financial state of the nation as well as messaging issues especially relating to current issues such as gun control. Precinct Committeemen had an opportunity to ask the Congressman questions.

**VII. Announcement by Chairman Doug Little** – Next, Chairman Doug Little temporarily suspended the Agenda and relinquished the chair to First Vice Chairman Joe Romack. Mr. Little then proceeded to dispel rumors about Mr. Little suspending his campaign for State Chairman.

**Chairman's Business** –Returning to the Agenda, Mr. Little gave the floor to Mr. Romack for the First Vice Chairman's Report.

**VIII. First Vice Chairman's Report** – The next order of business was a report by First Vice Chairman on Precinct Committeemen development as follows:

- **Membership Report** – Mr. Romack proceeded with the Membership Report addressing the following:
  - Improve PC Training.
  - Improve top/down and bottom/up communications in the Party hierarchy.
  - Enhance PC's embedding in neighborhoods so that electorate knows who their PC's are.  
Improve PC' s ability to take electorate concerns to higher political levels.
  - Enhance function of PC's as gathering points of information and source to dispel political rumors and disinformation.
  - Boost LD 23 Membership by filling open PC positions.
  - Improve voter registration.

- Improve mechanisms of getting PC's tied into campaigns to provide necessary manpower during election times.

**VIX. Treasurer's Report** –Treasurer Linda Rizzo announced that the Financial Report for the District as of December 2012 was sent out for review and acceptance in the January 2013 Newsletter. As there were no questions or suggested corrections from the floor, the Treasurer asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Upon motion duly made by Joe Meli, seconded by Vera Heminger and unanimously carried, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Financial Report be, and hereby is, approved as presented.

- Next the Treasurer proceeded with an analysis of the Financials and proposal for improving the contributions record as follows:
- Introduce innovative contribution options such as Paypal.
- Organizing additional meetings and fundraising events to generate income for the District.
- Conducting surveys to get PC's opinion on what type of events to organize to help raise money.
- Sending more frequent reminders to PC's regarding contributions.

**X. Second Vice Chairman's Report** -- Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli opened with words of recognition for Event Chair Shirley Cordasco's excellent work on the Christmas Event.

- **Event Chairman's Announcement** –Mr. Meli gave the floor to Shirley Cordasco to announce the Legislative Breakfast taking place at the Gainey Ranch Golf Clubhouse located at 7600 Gainey Club Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85258 on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Meli then announced that networking business opportunity initiatives had begun with a survey asking volunteers to identify ways to do business with one another, to unify the Party as well as LD 23 and to raise funds.

- **Bylaws Committee Report** – Next Mr. Meli gave the floor to Bylaws Committee Member John Strasser who announced that the Bylaws Committee Report transitioning the Bylaws from LD 8 to LD 23 was almost completed for presentation to the Board.

- **Announcement by Laddie Shane** – Mr. Meli gave the floor to Laddie Shane who, on behalf of the Arizona Conservative Educators, extended an invitation for the National School Choice Week Event taking place at Bass Pro Shop located at the Mesa Riverview Shopping Center on January 30, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

**XI. Introduction of Candidates for Maricopa County Chairman Position** – Next Mr. Meli introduced the candidates. After a coin toss by Bo James determining which candidate was to take the floor first, each candidate was given 10 minutes for their presentation. Mr. Meli acted as moderator and Secretary Vera Heminger assisted with time-keeping.

**XII. Presentation of Lisa Gray, Candidate for Maricopa County Chairman Position** – As determined by the coin toss, Lisa Gray gave her presentation first. She then gave her slate an

opportunity to speak.

**XIII. Presentation of A.J. LaFaro, Candidate for Maricopa County Chairman Position** – As determined by the coin toss, A.J. LaFaro gave his presentation second. He then gave his slate an opportunity to speak.

**XIV. Candidates' Question & Answer Session** – Next, the candidates were each given a 20-minute question-and-answer session during which the Precinct Committeemen had opportunity to ask them questions. Each candidate was allocated one minute in alternating order as to who was to respond first to each question from the floor.

**XV. Adjournment** - There being no further time left, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDA RIZZO**

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#### **January 2013**

#### **REVENUE**

Contributions (Dues)	195.00	
Breakfast		
Name Badges	75.00	
Misc. Income		
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#### **EXPENSES**

Name badges/ribbons, etc	287.17	
Supplies	29.16	
Election Expenses	89.60	
Rental-meeting room	120.00	
Christmas Party	(40.81)	
Breakfast	500.00	
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Net Income (Loss) (715.12)

I would like to thank the following PCs for making a contribution during the month of January 2013:  
Tom Botos, Carole Klein, Max McNeely  
A special thanks to these PCs for contributing at the Chairman's Level: Don Murray

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