

**LD19 - Meeting Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
Benson VFW, Benson, AZ

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Louis Gasper at 10:06 a.m. The invocation was given by Representative Lupe Diaz. Followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Representative Gowan.

The Credential Committee presented its report as follows:

Greenlee County - No Precinct Committeemen.

Cochise - 55 Precinct Committeemen present in person and 76 proxies for a total of 131.

Graham - 10 Precinct Committeemen present in person and 20 by proxy for a total of 30.

Pima - 48 Precinct Committeemen present in person and 26 proxies for a total 74.

Santa Cruz - 4 Precinct Committeemen present and zero (0) proxies for a total of four (4)

The total of Precinct Committeemen present in person 117 by proxy 122 for a total number of 239. Chairman Gasper declared a quorum was present.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

A point of order was raised regarding the Nomination Committee not sending out a call for nominations. The Chairman responded that the previously appointed Nomination Committee had not sent out a call for nominations therefore all nominations would be made from the floor.

The Chairman began to allow credentialing of Precinct Committeemen waiting to be credentialed in accordance with the Meeting Rules. A Point of Order was raised regarding allowing additional Precinct Committeemen to be credentialed. A discussion followed. Ron Brooks made a motion to accept those in line. A voice vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion passed and the Precinct Committeemen in line could be credentialed.

The decision of the Chairman was appealed. The Chairman requested all those supporting the Chairman's ruling to signify by raising the hand with the wrist band displaying the number of votes the person had. The Tally Committee reported 159 votes to uphold the ruling of the Chairman. The Chairman then asked all those who did not uphold the ruling of the Chairman to signify by raising the hand with the wrist band displaying the number of votes the person had. The Tally Committee reported 92 votes against the ruling of the Chairman. The Chairman's ruling was upheld and Precinct Committeemen in line were allowed to be credentialed. Five additional Precinct Committeemen were credentialed.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations to serve as Chairman of LD19 for a two-year term. Senator David Gowan nominated Louis Gasper, Cochise County. The nomination was seconded. Cheryl Caswell, Pima County, was nominated and seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Louis Gasper made a nomination speech. Cheryl Caswell made a nomination speech followed by a seconding speech by Lainey Caswell. A second seconding speech was made by Jeffery Hotchkin.

Following the speeches, balloting began. The meeting was recessed pending the report of the Tally Committee.

[Note: While the LD19 meeting was in recess, the Pima County Caucus Chairman, Eileen Wilson conferred with Chairman Louis Gasper regarding the Pima Caucus. The Benson VFW space being used for the LD19 has been announced as the place for the holding of the LD19 Pima Caucus. The space has another meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Caucus Chairman Wilson was concerned that the LD19 meeting might not adjourn in time for the Pima LD19 Caucus to hold its meeting as announced. She had talked with Representative Lupe Diaz. He would make his church available to host the Pima LD19 caucus if necessary. Chairman Gasper agreed that the meeting of Pima Caucus could move its meeting if needed.]

During the recess, Representative Gail Griffin reported on the state elections and the increase in Republicans in both the House and Senate.

The meeting was called back to order for the Tally Committee to provide its report. Prior to the Tally Committee reporting, the Credential Committee provided a supplemental report. Five additional Precinct Committeemen were credentialed bringing the total of Precinct Committeemen to 244.

The Tally Committee reported the results of the voting:

Louis Gasper	167
Cheryl Caswell	76
Write in	1

A total of 244 votes cast

Louis Gasper was elected Chairman, LD 19. He was sworn in by Representative Gail Griffin

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman. Cochise County Republican Committee Chairman Judy Smith nominated Ron Brooks, Cochise County. The nomination was seconded. No additional nominations were made. Nominations were closed. It was moved and seconded that Ron Brooks be elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman by acclamation. The motion carried. Ron Brooks was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman. Graham County Chairman Marianne Clonts nominated Keith Alexander, Graham County. The nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. A motion was made and seconded that Keith Alexander be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman. Suzanne Jenkins, Santa Cruz County, was nominated by Representative Lupe Diaz. The nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. Suzanne Jenkins made a nomination speech. A motion was made by Eileen Wilson that Suzanne Jenkins be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman. Representative Gail Griffin nominated Ron Hale. The nomination was seconded. Cheryl Caswell nominated Karl Feibelkorn, Cochise County. The nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Ron Hale and Karl Feibelkorn made nominating speeches. Following the speeches, voting began.

Following the recess to allow the Tally Committee to count the ballots, the meeting was called back to order. The Tally Committee reported:

Ron Hale	151
Karl Feibelkorn	55
Write in	4
Invalid ballots	21

Ron Hale was elected 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairman.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Ray Ihly nominated Shelly Kais, Pima County. The nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. Shelly Kais made a nomination speech. A motion was made that Shelly Kais be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried. Shelly Kais was elected Secretary.

Chairman Gasper opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Eileen Wilson nominated Darrell Hochstettler, Pima County, for Treasurer. The nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations closed. A motion was made to elect Darrell Hochstettler by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried. Darrel Hochstettler was elected Treasurer.

Following the election of Treasurer, all newly elected officers were called forward to be sworn in. The oath of office was administered to new officers by Chairman Gasper.

Chairman Gasper announced that the Pima County LD19 Caucus was to begin immediately following the LD19 meeting and was to be held in the same room. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Ann Gasper  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Addendum to Minutes**  
Report: Proxies Not Accepted

Total Proxies Not Accepted: 7  
Cochise: 5  
Pima: 2

Reasons:

Proxy Issuer did not sign: 3  
Proxy Carrier signed as witness: 2  
No witness signatures: