

Convention picks Reagan delegates

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BOISE — Without much alternative, Idaho Republicans selected 21 delegates supporting Ronald Reagan in the concluding session at Boise late Saturday afternoon.

The delegates list includes three Idaho Falls members and a Blackfoot man while the alternates lists an Idaho Falls woman and a Rexburg man.

The delegates at-large includes the State Party Chairman Dennis M. Olsen, Idaho Falls; Sen. James A. McClure; Rep. George V. Hansen; Attorney General David Leroy; Pam Bengson, president of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women; and Randy Ayere, Idaho GOP fiance chairman, all of Boise.

Ann Rydlach, an active party worker and employed by an INEL operating contractor, and Ray Robbins, former state party chairman and automobile dealer, both of Idaho Falls; and Wayne B. Harris, Blackfoot, are among the delegates.

Among those named alternative delegates are Sheila Olsen, Idaho Falls, wife of the state party chairman; and Reed Larsen, Rexburg.

Fifteen were picked on the basis of Reagan getting nearly 80 percent of the vote in the May 27 presidential preference primary and the other six will go to the convention technically "uncommitted."

In effect, Reagan picked up four uncommitted Idaho delegates Saturday, plus two delegates allocated to Illinois Rep. John Anderson on the basis of the preference primary results.

All 21 of the delegates and 12 alternates chosen Saturday had been named by Reagan headquarters on the Reagan list of acceptable delegates.

Under Idaho law, 80 percent of the delegates and alternates to the national convention — or 17 in the case of Republicans — are allocated on the basis of the preferential primary results and those delegates must be chosen from a list submitted by the candidate. Reagan was the only candidate who submitted a list of potential delegates to the Secretary of State's office. The other four candidates are picked by the convention.

Selected as pro-Reagan delegates were National Committeewoman-elect Leora Day, Roberta Cory, Lorna Auld and Dick Buxton, all of Boise; State Rep. John Brooks of Gooding; the newly-elected 2nd vice chairman, Mrs. Rydalch, and Robbins of Idaho Falls; the new 1st vice chairman, Lee Shellman, and Ruth Johnson of Coeur d'Alene; Charles Marshall of Jerome; Dick Bauer of American Falls; Lydia Edwards of Bonnelly; and Tommy Walker, State Rep. Tom Stivers and George Detweiler, all of Twin Falls.