

Fellow CCM Members,

This message is to update you on the progress that we have made toward formalizing our CCM since the last Progress and Strategy Meeting.

On 16 June I spoke to the Denver chapter at the invitation of the out-going president, Don Garretson. The Denver chapter, at that time, was in the same state we were in about five weeks ago; they were not sure which way they wanted to point their efforts. I spoke for about 30 minutes and gave them an update on the decisions we have made and the steps that we have taken.

There was a consensus among the Denver members that they want to continue but were not prepared to go to the extra step to file with the Colorado Secretary of State and the IRS. In that light they asked if they could come under our organization. As we are all conservatives and working toward the same goals, I told them that we would be pleased to have them join us.

This brings up the obvious problem of logistics. It would not be reasonable to expect them to drive all the way to the Springs to attend the monthly meetings. The recommendation was made to establish a Coalition for a Conservative Majority, Colorado. This construct has a lot of advantages. First, it makes bringing new groups (chapters) into the organization very easy. New organizations do not have to file with the Colorado Secretary of State or IRS. Second, we can easily establish a state-wide network of like-minded conservatives to coordinate on state and national issues. Third, it will enable us to mentor groups in other parts of the state toward establishing their own 501.c.4 if they so desire while maintaining our networking and coordination relationship.

For these reasons, the Executive Board voted to press ahead with establishing our formal organization as Coalition for a Conservative Majority, Colorado with the Colorado Secretary of State and the IRS. Since all of our new members have asked that their memberships remain valid, we have a fair number of membership checks that need to be deposited. The bank will not open our account without the organization documents. We have provided the Colorado State documents to the bank and anticipate that account will be opened today in the name of Coalition for a Conservative Majority, Colorado today. We anticipate filing with the IRS within a week.

During the July, Progress and Strategy Meeting we will be voting to formalize the new name of Coalition for a Conservative Majority, Colorado.

We are currently working from revised bylaws reflecting the change in organization from a chapter of national to a Colorado organization. We anticipate that the new bylaws will be ready to publish and put up for a vote during the August, Progress and Strategy Meeting. The change in focus from a Colorado Springs organization to a state-wide organization will require us to have two sets of bylaws, one for the state-wide organization and one for the Colorado Springs organization. We do not anticipate significant changes to the Colorado Springs bylaws. The Colorado bylaws will be much shorter and generic and will require ratification of all members, not just Colorado Springs.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider these issues. Please contact me or any of your other officers if you have any questions or concerns.

Dan

