

# **CHAIRS OF THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN STATE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**Kelly Arnold (Jan 2013- ) (Wichita)**

**Amanda Adkins (Jan 2009–Jan 2013) (Overland Park)** – US Senator Brownback's campaign manager (2004)

**Kris Kobach (Jan 2007– Jan 2009) (Piper)**– Secretary of State (2011–)

**Tim Shallenburger (Jan 2005–Jan 2007) (Baxter Springs)** – Speaker of the House (1995–1998), Governor candidate (2002); Governor Brownback's legislative director (2011–)

**Denis Jones (Jan 2003–Jan 2005) (Lakin)**

**Mark Parkinson (Jan 1999–Jan 2002)** - switched party affiliation to Democrat in 2006 to run for Lt Governor with Kathleen Sebelius; became Democrat Governor upon Sebelius' resignation (Apr 2009– Jan 2011).

**Steve Abrams (May 1998–Jan 1999) (Arkansas City)** later State Senator

**David Miller (Jan 1995–May 1998) (Eudora)**– resigned to run against Bill Graves in the Governor primary.

**Kim Wells (Jan 1991–Jan 1995) (Lawrence)**

**Rochelle Chronister (Jan 1989–Jan 1991) (Topeka)**

**Fred Logan, Jr. (Jan 1987–Jan 1989) (Prairie Village)**

**Vern Chesbro (Jan 1985–Jan 1987) (Ottawa)**

**David C. Owen (Jan 1983–Jan 1985) (Stanley)** – Lt Gov (1973–1974), state senator, Senator Bob Dole's close associate and campaign manager (1974), credited with turning the 1974 campaign around for a razor close victory.

**Robert F. Bennett (Aug 1982–Jan 1983) (Prairie Village)** – Governor (1975–1979)

**Mary Alice Lair (Jun 1982–Aug 1982) (Piqua)** – National Committeewoman (1989–1999)

**Morris Kay (Jan 1979–Jun 1982) (Lawrence)** – House Majority Leader (1971–1972), Governor candidate (1972)

**Jack Ranson (Jan 1973–Jan 1979) (Wichita)**- National Committeeman (1987-1996)

**William Falstad (Aug 1970–Jan 1973) (Fredonia)**

**Don Concannon (Aug 1968–Aug 1970) (Hugoton)**

**George Nettles (Aug 1966–Aug 1968) (Pittsburg)**

**Oliver H. Hughes (Aug 1964–Aug 1966) (Emporia)**

**Richard D. Rogers (Aug 1962–Aug 1964) (Manhattan)** – Senator Pearson's campaign manager (1962), Senate President (1975), and Federal District Court Judge (1975-2015)

**Donald P. Schnacke (Jan 1961–Aug 1962) (Topeka)** – Finished the Chair's term after Pearson resigned.

**James B. Pearson (Aug 1960–Jan 1961) (Prairie Village)** – Campaign manager for Governor John Anderson (1960), resigned as chair when appointed as US Senator (1961-Jan 1979) by Governor Anderson

**Sam Mellinger (Aug 1958–Aug 1960) (Emporia)** – National Committeeman (1964–1968)

**James Pratt (Aug 1956–Aug 1958) (Topeka)**

**Lloyd Ruppenthal (Aug 1954–Aug 1956) (McPherson)** – Governor Hall's campaign manager. Later opposed Governor Hall's re-election.

**Roy W. Cox (Nov 1953-Aug 1954) (Iola)**

**C. I. Moyer (Aug 1950–1953) (Troy)** – Governor Ed Arn's campaign manager in the 1950 primary, resigned in late 1953. Resigned to become Director of the Small Business Administration in Kansas City

**C. Wesley Roberts (1946–Aug 1950) (Oskaloosa)** – Father of US Senator Pat Roberts, campaign manager for Governor Frank Carlson.

**F. Quentin Brown (Aug 1946-1946) (Greensburg)** - died in office, aged 36.

**A. Harry Crane (Aug 1942–Aug 1946) (Topeka)**

**Walter Fees (Aug 1938–Aug 1942) (Iola)** - campaign manager for Governor Payne Ratner

**Frank G. Todd (Aug 1936–Aug 1938) (Atchison)**

**Will T. Beck (Aug 1934-Aug 1936) (Holton) -**

**Frank Carlson (Aug 1932–Aug 1934) (Concordia) –** Governor Landon's campaign manager (1932), Congressman (1935-1946), Governor (1947-1950), US Senator (1951-1968)

**John D. M. Hamilton (Aug 1930-Aug 1932) (Topeka) -** Speaker of the House (1927–1928), Governor primary candidate (1928), Frank Haucke's governor campaign manager (1930), National Committeeman (1932–1940), Chair Republican National Committee (1936–1940)

**Alf Landon (Aug 1928–Aug 1930) (Topeka) –** Governor Reed's campaign manager (1928), Governor (1933-1937), Presidential candidate (1936)

**Seth G. Wells (Aug 1924–Aug 1928) (Erie) -** State Auditor (1902-1906)

**J.L. Stryker (Aug 1922–Aug 1924) (Topeka)**

**Harvey H. Motter (Aug 1918-Aug 1922) (Wichita) -** Governor Allen's campaign manager (1918 & 1920)

**? (1914-Aug 1918)**

**Joseph C. Gafford (1913-Aug 1914) (Minneapolis) –** State Accountant 1905-1913

**Joseph N. Dolley (Aug 1908–1913) (Maple Hill) –** Speaker of the House (1909–1910), resigned to join the new Progressive Party.

**Schuyler C. Crummer (1906–Aug 1908) (Belleville)**

**Walter Stubbs (1904–1906) (Lawrence) –** Governor (1909–1913), Speaker of the House (1907-1908)

**Morton Albaugh (1898–1904) (Kingman) –** Key political operative, credited with defeating the Populist Party in Kansas in the 1898 election, campaign manager for William E. Stanley's 1898 and 1900 Governor campaigns; campaign manager for Willis J. Bailey's 1902 Governor campaign. Manager for Chester Long's U.S. Senate legislative election (1903); Clerk of the US District Court

**? (1896–1898)**

**Cyrus Leland, Jr. (1894–1896) (Troy) –** 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Key political operative since the 1880s, National Committeeman (1884–1900)

**?? (1892–1894)**

**William J. Buchan (1890–1892) (Kansas City) –** Two terms in the House and four in the Senate

**Henry Booth (1888–1890) (Larned)**- State Rep for Pawnee Cty, civil war veteran

**? (1886-1888)**

**P.I. Bonebrake (Jul 1884-1886)**

**A.L. Redden (Aug 1882-Jul 1884)**

**J.P. Johnson (Sep 1880-Aug 1882)**

**Cyrus Leland, Jr (Sep 1878-Sep 1880) (Troy)**- 1<sup>st</sup> time. National Committeeman (1884–1900)

**W.C. Webb (Aug 1876-Sep 1878)**

**John Guthrie (Sep 1872-Aug 1876) (Topeka)**- State representative, Topeka postmaster, Presidential elector 1872, candidate for Governor 1876.

**D.R. Anthony (Sep 1870-Sep 1872) (Leavenworth)** Brother of Susan B. Anthony

**P. P. Elder (Sep 1868- Sep 1870) (Ottawa)** Senator (1860, 1867-68), Lt Gov (1871-72), House 1875-77); Speaker of the House as a Republican (1877), Speaker of the House as a Populist (1891)

**Frank H. Drenning (Sep 1866-Sep 1868)**

**? (1864-1866)**

**Chester Thomas (Oct 1862-1864)**

**A.C. Wilder (Apr 1860-Oct 1862) (Leavenworth)**

**Samuel C. Pomeroy (May 1859-Apr 1860)** later U.S. Senator