

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION
BRUNSWICK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Republican Party of Brunswick County North Carolina, dedicated to the sound principles fostered by that party, conscious of our civic responsibilities and rights, firm in our determination to give our strength to preserving liberty, the founding principles of a sovereign, but limited free enterprise system of constitutional government and inalienable rights of the individual, and a government of, by, and for the people do, for the purpose of uniting and coordinating our efforts for maximum power and efficiency, herewith establish this instrument, The Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Brunswick County North Carolina.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERS

Every citizen residing in Brunswick County, North Carolina, and who is identified by and registered with the Brunswick County Board of Elections as a Republican in the precinct of their residence is a member of the Republican Party of Brunswick County, North Carolina (“Party Member”). Every Party Member shall have the right to participate in the official affairs of the Brunswick County Republican Party in accordance with this Plan of Organization. Every Party Member who successfully completes the credentialing process during the Precinct Meetings has the right to represent their precinct as a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention. Every delegate at the County Convention who successfully completes the credentialing process during the County Convention has the right to represent Brunswick County as a Delegate or Alternate at the Congressional District and State Conventions. Every Party Member who is a Delegate to the County Convention has the right to run for County Party Office. All reference herein to Delegates, Alternates, Officers and Party Members shall, in all cases, mean persons identified and registered with the Republican Party in the Precinct of their residence.

ARTICLE II - PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

A. ANNUAL PRECINCT MEETINGS

1. Call for Meeting

a. In every year, the County Chairman shall call Precinct Meetings during the month of February after giving at least 10 days Written Notice to each Precinct Chairman and by Public Notice within the County as provided for in Article V. A. 4. and in accordance with Article V. J.

b. The County Chairman shall also inform Precinct Chairman as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the County Convention in accordance with ARTICLE V.J.

c. Failure of the County Chairman to act in compliance with the provisions above shall be cause for the Vice Chairman to act in compliance with the provisions above. The Vice Chairman shall also inform the Precinct Chairs as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the County Convention.

d. Failure of the County Chairman and Vice Chairman to act in compliance with the provisions above shall be cause for the Chairman of the Precinct Operations Committee to act in compliance with the provisions above. That member of the County Executive Committee shall also inform the Precinct Chairs as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the County Convention.

e. Every Republican registered in Brunswick County as of January 31 preceding the Meetings shall be entitled to cast 1 vote, except that the January 31 requirement shall not apply to residents who have moved into the Precinct or turned eighteen (18) years of age within 30 days of the Precinct Meeting.

f. If an annual Precinct Meeting is rescheduled, the same procedures shall apply.

2. Election of Precinct Officers

a. At odd-year Precinct Meetings, at which a quorum is one person, attendees shall elect a Precinct Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and as many Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct.

b. Members of the Precinct Committee shall hold their offices for 2 years, or until their successors are chosen, and shall be eligible for reelection at the expiration of their term.

c. There shall be no proxy voting.

d. By being elected a Precinct Officer, each person agrees to sign the certification of their election that acknowledges their responsibility to act in compliance with this Plan of Organization and any other documents required by this Plan of Organization.

3. Election of Delegates

a. The annual Precinct Meetings shall elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate to the County Convention.

b. They shall also elect 1 additional Delegate and Alternate for each 100 registered Republican voters, or major fraction thereof, in the precinct as of January 31 of that year in accordance with Article V. A. 6.

c. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention must be by name, address, and telephone number. Delegates must be qualified to vote in the meeting at which they are elected; and preference shall be given to the election of persons present at the meeting, and then to persons not.

4. Duties of Officers for the Certification of Officials and Delegates

a. The Chairman and Secretary of each Precinct shall certify the election of Officers, Committee Members, and Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention, on forms created by the State Credentials Committee and approved by the State Central Committee and furnished by the County Chairman.

b. Complete credentials shall be in the hands of the County Secretary by the deadline set by the County Chairman, which shall be at least 2 days prior to Credentials Committee Meeting.

c. No Delegates or Alternates shall be added to the Credentials List following the adjournment of the Precinct Meeting.

d. This Delegate list shall be made immediately available to any Republican Candidate for Party Office, at that candidate's reasonable expense, after the county chairman receives confidentiality and use agreement, signed by the candidate stating the list will be used only for Republican activities related to the candidate's run for office.

5. Other Precinct Meetings

a. Other Meetings of the Precinct General Membership may be held at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Precinct Committee after giving 5 days' Public Notice of such Meeting or upon similar call of 1/3 of the Members of the Precinct Committee, or 10 Members of the general Precinct Membership.

b. There shall be no proxy voting.

6. Failure of the Precinct to Organize

a. In the event a Precinct fails to properly organize, or the Precinct Chairman fails to act, the County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Precinct Chairman who shall serve for a period not to exceed 60 days, during which time a County Executive Committee meeting shall be called and a new Precinct Chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee.

b. All County Executive Committee members present at a County Executive Committee Meeting called for the purpose of electing a new Precinct Chairman may vote in the election; there is no requirement for a voting County Executive Committee member to be registered in the precinct for which a new Precinct Chairman is being elected.

7. Meeting Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control

When circumstances beyond the control of the Precinct or the County Party prevent access to or use of the annual precinct facility/facilities (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the Precinct Chair to consult with the County Chairman who shall in turn consult with the County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary, and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said Annual Precinct Meeting(s) in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chairman to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day.

B. PRECINCT COMMITTEE

1. Officers

a. The Precinct Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and as Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct.

2. Duties of Committee

The Precinct Committee shall perform the following duties in a timely manner:

a. Cooperate with the County Executive Committee in all elections and Party activities in compliance with this Plan of Organization and other documents required by this Plan of Organization.

b. Provide the County Chairman with a list of Party Members within the Precinct suitable for appointment as Election Officials.

c. Promote the objectives of the Party within the Precinct.

3. Duties of Officers

a. The Chairman of the Precinct Committee, with the advice and consent of the Precinct Committee, shall

- 1) Have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the Precinct
- 2) Preside at all Meetings of the Precinct.

3) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Precinct Committee, the Chairman of the Precinct Operations Committee, and the County Executive Committee.

4) Is a member of the Precinct Operations Committee and the County Executive Committee and shall attend their meetings.

b. The Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Precinct Chairman, the Chairman of the Precinct Operations Committee and the County Executive Committee.

c. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a list of registered Republican voters and workers within the Precinct, unless otherwise provided by the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee.

4. Vacancies and Removals

a. Vacancy due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the Precinct; removal of any Officer or Member of the Precinct Committee; or for any other reason, shall be filled by the remaining Members of the Precinct Committee.

b. If the Precinct Committee fails to fill a vacancy within a reasonable period, the County Chairman may do so, subject to the approval by the County Executive Committee.

c. The procedure for removal is defined in Article V. B. Such removal maybe appealed to the County Executive Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

ARTICLE III – REGION ORGANIZATION

a. The County Executive Committee shall form up to five (5) Administrative Regions (“Regions”) each composed of no less than three (3) or more than eight (8) Electoral Precincts. To the maximum extent possible, Region boundaries shall align with boundaries for the North Carolina General Assembly boundaries for senators and representatives, and the Congressional district boundaries, in Brunswick County.

b. While Precinct Chairmen have direct primary responsibility for their Precinct, they shall work cooperatively with the Precinct Operations Committee Chairman and provide requested information on the status of precinct organization, training, and needs in a timely manner.

ARTICLE IV - COUNTY ORGANIZATION

A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

1. Call of Convention

a. The County Convention shall be called every year by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, at the County Headquarters, within the month of March, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled District Convention, and following procedures given in Article V. A. 4 and Article V. J.

b. If the County Chairman fails, refuses or neglects to call a County Convention as required by this Article, it shall become the duty of the Vice-Chairman to act in this capacity. The Vice-Chairman shall give 5 days' Notice thereof to all Precinct Chairmen and County Executive Committee Members. The Vice-Chairman shall follow procedures given in Article V. A. 4 and Article V. J.

c. If the County Chairman or Vice-Chairman does not call a County Convention as required by this Article, it shall be cause for any Member of the County Executive Committee, with the approval of the Congressional District Chairman, to call such County Convention with 5 days' Notice in accordance with Article V. A. and Article V. J.

2. Special Committees of the Convention

a. The Special Committees for each Convention shall be the Rules, Credentials, Resolutions, and Plan of Organization. The Nominating Committee shall be a Special Committee of the Convention held in the odd numbered years when the Officers of the County Executive Committee are elected.

b. These Committees shall be appointed no later than the second Thursday of the November preceding the Convention; and shall remain in effect until the next cycle of appointments.

c. The County Chairman shall appoint the chairman and at least two (2) and no more than four (4) other members to each of these Committees with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee. The majority of the Members of each such Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The responsibilities of these committees, with the exception of the Credentials Committee, are defined in Article IV. C. 3.

d. If the County Chairman fails to make appointments in accordance with this section, the County Vice Chairman shall make the appointments following the same procedures.

e. Credentials Committee

1) The Credentials Committee shall meet and issue its report on Delegates and Alternates certified to the Convention at least 3 days in advance of the convening of the Convention.

2) All Delegates and Alternates challenged in the report of the Credentials Committee shall be notified prior to the day of the Convention and allowed to present their case to the Credentials Committee prior to the convening of the Convention.

3) The Delegates and Alternates elected at the Precinct Meetings, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.

f. The Nominating, Rules, Resolutions, and Plan of Organization Committees shall give Written Notice of all business it will place before the Convention at least 30 days prior to the convening of the Convention by placing its reports on the County website. Any member of the County Executive Committee may request a paper copy of the reports if they do not have access to the County website via a personal or public computer.

g. Any business on which Notice has not been given shall not be taken up by the Convention or be placed on the Convention agenda except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention to address said business.

3. Convention Action

a. Each year, the County Convention shall adopt or amend a written County Plan of Organization not inconsistent with the NCGOP State Plan of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at County Headquarters and at State Headquarters.

b. The County Party shall submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, its Plan or Organization, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters within 30 days after their adoption, in order for the Plan and/or amendments to be considered valid.

c. If the County Convention fails to adopt a written County Plan of Organization, the previously adopted County Plan of Organization shall remain in effect, to the extent not inconsistent with the NCGOP State Plan of Organization.

d. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in the County Delegation not being seated at the NCGOP State Convention by the State Credentials Committee.

e. Failure of the County Republican Party to submit a County Plan to the NCGOP State Headquarters, within 30 days of its adoption, shall constitute agreement by the County Party to adopt the NCGOP State Plan of Organization for that county.

4. Elections

a. In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers as may be defined in this Plan of Organization (other than the General Counsel), who are registered Republican as of January 31

of that year and who shall serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected. The term of office begins immediately after the adjournment of the County Convention.

b. In every odd-numbered year the County Convention shall elect a County Executive Committee consisting of the County Officers, and at least five (5) but no more than seven (7) Members-at-Large who are registered Republican as of January 31 of that year and who shall hold their places for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected.

c. The County Convention shall elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate to Congressional District and State Conventions, plus 1 additional Delegate and Alternate for every 250 Republicans, or major fraction thereof, registered as Republicans in Brunswick County, as of January 31 of that year.

d. The County Convention shall further elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate for each Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or national level from Brunswick County in the last election held for that office. With respect to the District Convention, the additional 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate shall only be elected to the District Convention being held in the District in which said Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state, national level actually lives.

e. If Brunswick County has been divided between 2 or more Congressional Districts, it shall prorate its Congressional District Delegate vote among these Congressional Districts in accordance with the Republican registration as of January 31 of that year in the political subdivisions within the County which have been divided among the different Congressional Districts.

f. Congressional District Delegates elected to a Congressional District Convention, in addition to the other qualifications which they must meet, must reside in the Congressional District to whose Convention they are elected.

g. Delegates to the County Convention from the political subdivisions in different Congressional Districts shall elect the Delegates to their own Congressional District Convention.

h. The provisions in this section are in accordance with the NCGOP Plan of Organization and any changes to that Plan shall be automatically applied to this Plan of Organization.

i. The residency requirements stated above in IV.A.4.e and f only apply to the selection of Delegates to the Congressional District Convention and nothing in those subsections shall be construed to create Congressional District residency requirements for election as a Delegate to the state convention.

5. District and State Credentials

a. The Chairman and Secretary of the County Executive Committee shall certify the election of Officers, Members-at-Large, Precinct Chairs, and Delegates and Alternates, to the

District and State Conventions, on forms created by the State Credentials Committee and approved by the State Central Committee and in conformance with Article V.

b. Completed Credentials shall be in the hands of or in the email box of the Congressional District Secretary and the State Headquarters no later than 10 days following the date of the County Convention. The postmark date will be used to determine compliance for mailed credentials.

c. No Delegates or Alternates shall be added to the Credentials list following the adjournment of the County Convention.

d. Copies of all newspaper Notices, in addition to a list of county and precinct Officers, shall be submitted to the NCGOP and all applicable Congressional District Committees along with County Credentials.

6. Convention Fee

For each person who is elected at a County Convention to be either a Delegate or an Alternate to the State Convention, the County shall forward to the State Party a fee set by the State Central Committee to defray the costs of mailing Convention materials to such elected Delegates and Alternates.

7. Conduct of Convention Business

The County Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures in Article V. A.

8. County Convention Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control.

When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to or use of the County Convention facility (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions, pandemic, or natural/unnatural causes), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman to consult with the County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary, and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said County Convention in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chairman to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day.

B. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Membership

The County Executive Committee shall consist of:

a. The County Officers, Members-at-Large, Precinct Chairmen, the Immediate Past Chairman and Immediate Past Vice-Chairman; and the Chairman of the Finance Committee as required by the NCGOP Plan of Organization.

b. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees defined in Article IV. C. 2. as appointed by the County Chairman with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

c. Any person elected as a Republican in County, State or National government who is a registered Republican in Brunswick County shall be an “Ex-officio” and voting member of the County Executive Committee.

d. Any registered Republican elected to office in a County non-partisan election or a person in a County, State, or National office who becomes a member of the Republican Party shall be an “Ex officio” and voting member of the County Executive Committee.

e. Any registered Republican in Brunswick County who is the duly elected Chair or President of a Brunswick County-wide affiliated organization that maintains membership in a North Carolina Republican Federation that is recognized by the North Carolina Republican Party (meaning the state federation Chair or President is a member of the North Carolina Republican Party’s Central Committee) shall be an “Ex-officio” and voting member of the County Executive Committee (i.e., Brunswick County Republican Women, Brunswick County Young Republicans, etc). Any Registered Republican in Brunswick County who is the duly elected Chair or President of such an organization that covers Brunswick County and another nearby county or counties shall be an “Ex Officio” and voting member of the County Executive Committee.

f. Any person residing in the County who is a duly elected Officer of the District or State Executive Committee shall be an “Ex officio” and voting member of the County Executive Committee.

g. The County Party’s General Counsel

h. It is the duty of each member of the County Executive Committee and the Chairmen of Special Committees to read this County Plan of Organization and other documents that it requires in their entirety within 30 days of appointment or election to their position and provide a written statement to the County Chairman that he has read and understands the responsibilities of his position and limitations on his actions imposed by these documents. Failure to adhere to this clause shall be considered grounds for removal.

2. Certification of Non-Federated Brunswick County Republican Clubs

a. Representation on Executive Committee. The Chairman or President of any bona fide Non-Federated Republican Club headquartered in Brunswick County and duly certified by the County Executive Committee as meeting the minimum criteria set forth in this Plan of Organization (“Certified Club”) shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee following Certification as provided herein. In the event that a Chairman or President of a Certified Club is already a member of the Executive Committee pursuant to another provision of this Plan of Organization, the Chairman or President may designate another member of the

Certified Club to serve as that Certified Club's representative on the Executive Committee. Any member of a Certified Club who serves as non-voting member of the Executive Committee shall comply with all discipline, behavior, and other requirements applicable to Executive Committee Members.

b. Initial Certification. Any Non-Federated Republican Club headquartered Brunswick County and meeting the minimum criteria set forth in this Plan or Organization may apply to the County Executive Committee Chairman for representation on the County Executive County Committee ("Certification Request"). Such application must be submitted within thirty (30) days following an annual County Convention. The application shall include documentation and/or information sufficient for the County Executive Committee Chairman to determine that the Non-Federated Republican Club meets the Certification Criteria as provided herein. After determining that the applying Non-Federated Republican Club has met the Certification Criteria established by this Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee Chairman shall present the request for representation to the County Executive Committee. The County Executive Committee shall act on such Certification request at its next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event that any Certification Request is submitted to the County Executive Committee Chairman less than fourteen (14) days in advance of a County Executive Committee meeting, the County Executive Committee may defer consideration of the Certification Request to the following regularly scheduled meeting. Any Certification Request approved by a majority of the County Executive Committee shall be effective as of the date of the next regularly scheduled County Executive Committee meeting following the meeting at which approval is granted.

c. Certification Criteria. A Non-Federated Republican Club shall be eligible for Certification under this Plan of Organization if it meets all of the following:

i. Its name must include the word "Republican" in a manner that indicates that the Non-Federated Club is a Republican Club.

ii. It must be headquartered in Brunswick County and its membership must be restricted to registered Brunswick County Republicans.

iii. It must be in good standing with the North Carolina Republican Party, the North Carolina Board of Elections, Brunswick County Board of Elections (if applicable), and the Federal Election Commission (if applicable). The Non-Federated Republican Club must comply with any requirements to file documents with the North Carolina Board of Elections, Brunswick County Board of Elections, and/or the Federal Election Commission if applicable.

iv. Its membership must consist of at least 25 dues-paying members residing in Brunswick County and in good standing with the Non-Federated Republican Club as specified in the Non-Federated Republican Club's constitution, plan of organization, or bylaws. This membership requirement may be demonstrated by a membership list, payment of dues as applicable, record of attendance at club meetings or events, or other suitable indicia of membership.

d. Certified Clubs to Provide Documentation Annually. Each duly Certified Non-Federated Republican Club shall retain its representation on the County Executive Committee as long as it continues to satisfy the requirements for Certification set forth herein, as determined by the County Executive Committee. Within thirty (30) days of each Annual County Convention each Certified Club shall provide to the County Executive Committee Chairman evidence that it continues to satisfy the Certification Criteria set forth herein. If this 30-day requirement is not met, the Club's representation on the Brunswick County Executive Committee shall be suspended until such time as the requirement is met and accepted by the County Chairman and the County Executive Committee.

3. Powers and Duties

The County Executive Committee shall perform the following duties in a timely manner:

- a. Cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities.
- b. Encourage qualified candidates for office within the County.
- c. Adopt a budget.
- d. Recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointments for County Board of Election in accordance with Article V.E.2.d.
- e. Have active management of Party affairs within the County.
- f. Approve the chairman and members of the Standing Committees in accordance with Article IV. C. 2, the chairman and members of the Special Committees in accordance with Article IV. C. 3 and approve the formation of other Special Committees and their Chairmen and members as recommended by the County Chairman.
- g. In the event that it is determined that this Plan of Organization is not consistent with the NCGOP Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee must at the next called meeting bring the County Plan of Organization into compliance with the NCGOP Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the County Plan of Organization must be brought into compliance within 90 days.
- h. May amend the County Plan of Organization upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote after providing Written Notice in accordance with Article V. J. of the meeting advising Executive Committee Members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present.
- i. Submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their County Plan of Organization, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters Executive Director, Political Director, and District Chairman within 30 days after their adoption, in order for the Plan of Organization and/or amendment to be considered valid.

j. The County Executive Committee may adopt Standing Rules that further define processes and procedures for carrying out the requirements of the Plan of Organization. The rules shall be adopted and amended by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings provided a quorum is present. The call for such a meeting shall include Notice that changes to the Standing Rules will be considered at the meeting.

k. The County Executive Committee shall elect the General Counsel at its first meeting after the biennial county convention.

4. Meetings

a. The County Executive Committee shall meet at least nine (9) times per year upon the call of the County Chairman or the call of 1/3 of the Members of the County Executive Committee after giving 10 days Written Notice in accordance with Article V. J. to all Executive Committee Members.

b. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P. M. in the Brunswick County Republican Party Headquarters, 971 Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia, NC 28422.

c. Additional meetings may be called by the County Chairman after giving 10 days Written Notice to all Executive Committee Members in accordance with Article V. J., or upon a similar call by 1/3 of the Members of the Committee.

d. A quorum for transacting business shall be 25 percent of the Executive Committee Members. "Ex officio" Members are not included when determining whether a quorum is present.

e. Unless otherwise stated in the Plan of Organization, the NCGOP Plan of Organization or Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Current Edition, motions are passed by a majority vote.

f. There shall be no proxy voting.

g. If a Precinct Chairman is unable to attend a County Executive Committee meeting, he shall designate a member of the Precinct Committee to represent the Precinct at that meeting with the authority to vote for the Precinct.

h. Each voting member of the County Executive Committee shall have one vote, regardless of the number of positions that person may hold on the County Executive Committee.

i. All proposed resolutions to come before the County Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Secretary at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting so that the Secretary may distribute them electronically to the Executive Committee Members at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting. Resolutions not distributed in advance in accordance with these deadlines may be submitted the day of the meeting, but only if by a two-thirds majority, the County Executive Committee passes a motion to consider the resolution. In

all situations, the maker of the resolution shall provide a paper copy of the resolution to each member attending the County Executive Committee meeting.

5. Duties of Officers

a. The Chairman of the County Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the County and shall perform the following duties in a timely manner:

1) Issue the call for Precinct Meetings, the County Convention, and County Executive Committee Meetings, and the Chairman shall preside at all the Meetings of the County Executive Committee.

2) Appoint Committee Chairs and members as follows:

a) The Chairmen and members of the Standing Committees, in accordance with Article IV. C. 2., with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

b) The Chairmen and members of the Special Committees in accordance with Article IV. C., with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

c) The Chairmen of additional Special Committees the County Chairman deems necessary to conduct the business of the County Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

3) The Chairman shall further appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention, who may be himself, except when he is running for reelection.

4) The Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian with knowledge and experience in applying Roberts Rules Newly Revised, Current Edition and this Plan of Organization to serve at meetings of the County Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian is not a member of the County Executive Committee but is nevertheless obligated to follow this Plan of Organization.

5) The Chairman shall be the public spokesperson for the County Party and make periodic reports on the status of the Party within his County to the District Chairman and State Chairman.

6) Be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Republican organization in every Precinct within Brunswick County.

7) Obtain and preserve a list of all registered Republicans within Brunswick County.

8) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County, District, or State Committees.

9) Be an "Ex-officio" Member of all Committees unless otherwise designated in the County Plan of Organization.

10) Be a member of the Congressional District and State Executive Committees.

b. The Vice-Chairman shall:

1) Function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

2) Be the chairman of the Precinct Operations Committee starting after the 2015 county convention.

3) Have such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee, the Congressional District or the State Executive Committee.

4) Be an "Ex-officio" Member of all Committees unless otherwise designated in the County Plan of Organization.

5) Be a member of the Congressional District and State Executive Committees.

c. The Secretary shall

1) Keep all minutes and records.

2) Maintain a roster of all Precinct Officers and County Executive Committee Members and Standing and Special Committee Chairmen and Members. Such records shall be available, including all Credentials Lists upon request, to any registered Republican within the County.

3) Furnish to the Congressional District Chairman and to State Headquarters up-to-date lists of all Precinct Chairmen.

4) Complete all duties defined in Article IV. A and Article V. J.

d) The Assistant Secretary shall

1) Assist the Secretary in performing any and all duties of the position as assigned.

e. The Treasurer shall

1) Receive and disburse all funds for Party expenditures pursuant to authority duly given by the County Executive Committee.

2) Make a financial report at all County Executive Committee Meetings.

3) Fulfill all financial reports and obligations required under State and Federal election laws.

4) Be a member of Finance Committees as defined in Article IV. C et. seq.

5) All elected Treasurers must successfully enroll in and complete the Mandatory Compliance Training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections as soon as possible, but not later than sixty (60) days after election.

e. The Assistant Treasurer shall

- 1) Assist the Treasurer in performing any and all the duties of the position, as assigned.
- 2) Must successfully enroll in and complete the Mandatory Compliance Training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections as soon as possible, but not later than sixty (60) days after election.

f. The General Counsel shall

1) Be an attorney licensed in North Carolina who shall provide general legal and parliamentary advice to the county party and be the chief election integrity officer of the county party working to identify and eliminate election fraud and to maintain trained and qualified election observers in every precinct.

2) In the event that no qualified Republican in Brunswick County is willing to serve as General Counsel, the County Executive Committee may select a person familiar with election procedures to chair an Election Integrity Committee to carry out the election integrity functions of the General Counsel.

3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all questions regarding the State Plan of Organization, the interpretation thereof, or any issues that impact the State Party, the county general counsel shall have no authority to contradict the State General Counsel or Arbitration Committee.

6. Vacancies and Removals

a. Vacancies in the County Executive Committee due to resignation, discontinuance of residency within the County, death, and/or removal of any Officer or Executive Committee Member, shall be filled by an election by the remaining Executive Committee Members. If the position is one for which the County Chairman is responsible for appointing with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee or for which a Precinct is authorized to fill, the same process shall be followed in filling such vacancy.

b. The procedure for removal is defined in Article V. B. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

C. COMMITTEES

1. Committees - General

a. This Plan of Organization defines Standing Committees to provide functional support to the County Executive Committee and the Precincts; an Audit Committee and other Special Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman may establish other Special Committees with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee.

b. The Committee Chairmen and Committee Members shall be registered Republicans residing within Brunswick County and shall be appointed by the County Chairman with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee. The Standing and Special Committee Chairmen and committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

c. Each Committee Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be an Executive Committee Member. Committee Chairmen of the Special Committees are not County Executive Committee Members unless they otherwise hold membership on the County Executive Committee as defined in Article IV. B. 1.

d. The majority of Members (not including any “Ex officio” members) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise specified, motions are passed by a majority vote.

e. The Committee Chairmen and Committee Members shall conduct their work in a timely manner in accordance with this Plan of Organization, other documents that it requires, documents approved by the County Executive Committee, and direction provided by the County Executive Committee. Each committee chairman shall report the status of his committee’s work at the County Executive Committee meetings and maintain minutes of meetings and decisions made in accordance with Article V. C.

f. Prior to exercising the duties and responsibilities of their position as chairman of a Standing or Special Committee, each committee chairman shall follow the requirements in Article IV. B. 1. g. regarding the requirement to read this Plan of Organization and other documents that it requires in their entirety within 30 days of appointment and provide a written statement to the County Chairman that he has read and understands the responsibilities of his position and limitations on his actions imposed by this Plan of Organization and other documents. Failure to adhere to this clause shall be considered grounds for removal.

2. Standing Committees

a. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the County Finance Chairman, the County Chairman, County Vice-Chairman, the County Treasurer, and not less than 3 persons approved by the County Executive Committee. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for developing the overall budget, submitting it to the County Executive Committee for approval, and monitoring its execution. They shall cooperate with the Congressional District and State Finance Committees and shall have active management of fund-

raising efforts within the County. The Finance Committee is required by the NCGOP Plan of Organization.

b. Planning Committee. The Planning Committee shall be responsible for preparing the Strategic Plan, including an expense budget to execute the Plan in accordance with the overall budget approved by the County Executive Committee, and for coordinating its implementation by all elements of the County Party. The County Treasurer shall be a member of the Planning Committee.

c. Candidate Recruitment and Support Committee. The Candidate Recruitment Committee shall be responsible for identifying, recruiting and developing strong Republican candidates for County, State and National offices and for identifying and recruiting candidates for the County Executive Committee.

d. Precinct Operations Committee. The Precinct Operations Committee shall be responsible for providing direction, coordination and support to the Precincts in the areas of planning, organization, recruitment and training of volunteers, and election activities and any other duties prescribed by the County Chairman and the County Executive Committee. All Precinct Chairmen shall be members of the Precinct Operations Committee. The Precinct Operations Committee shall meet not less than three times per year, in addition to electronic communications. The County Vice-Chairman shall chair the Precinct Operations Committee.

e. Information Management Committee. The Information Management Committee shall be responsible for acquiring, developing, managing and providing information and intelligence needed by the County Executive Committee, the Regions and the Precincts.

f. Communications (Media & Public Relations). The Communications Committee shall be responsible for maintaining relations with the media serving Brunswick County; and developing strategies for increased coverage of County Party activities and positions through the use of modern communication capabilities including maintaining the County Party's website and social media presence.

g. Voter Registration. The Voter Registration Committee shall be responsible for developing strategies to increase Republican registration, analyzing registration trends and overseeing the welcoming of new Republican registrants.

h. Outreach (Fairs, Festivals, Parades, etc). The Outreach Committee shall be responsible for determining appropriate venues and events for County Party participation, coordinating booth set-up or other appropriate participation, and organizing volunteers to effectively represent the County Party.

i. Facilities Management. The Facilities Management Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the headquarters building, recommending improvements to the facility, and purchasing and stocking needed supplies.

j. Events Committee. The Events Committee shall be responsible for planning events, including definition of the purpose, logistics, registration, set-up, and execution within the

approved budget. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Events Committee. The Events Committee shall coordinate closely with other Committees as needed, including the Finance Committee.

k. The Election Integrity Committee. The Election Integrity Committee shall be chaired by the General Counsel. If the county party does not have a General Counsel, the chairman of this committee shall be familiar with election procedures and shall be able to carry out the election integrity functions of the General Counsel. This includes working to identify and eliminate election fraud and to maintain trained and qualified election observers in every precinct, and analyzing actions taken by the US Congress, NC General Assembly, federal and state courts, and state and county boards of elections to determine their impact. As needed, the Election Integrity Committee shall coordinate with the Precinct Operations Committee and other Committees

3. Special Committees

a. Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is composed of a Committee Chairman and up to 2 additional Committee Members who shall be appointed by the County Executive Chairman and approved by the County Executive Committee. The Audit Committee shall conduct a yearly audit of the financial records of the County Party and report such audit results to the County Executive Committee for approval. The Audit Committee_Chairman and Audit Committee Members shall not be Officers of the County Executive Committee. The Audit Committee is required by the NCGOP Plan of Organization. The review to be conducted shall be of the type and nature which the Audit Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

b. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall submit a written report with one nominee for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and at least five (5) and no more than seven (7) Members-at-Large thirty (30) days prior to the Convention in accordance with Article IV. A. The consent of the nominee to serve if elected must be secured in advance of presenting the report. No Nominating Committee member shall be nominated for an office contained in the Nominating Committee's written report. The County Chairman and County Vice Chairman shall not be members of the Nominating Committee.

c. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall prepare the rules to be followed at the County Convention in accordance with the County and State Plans of Organization and Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, Current Edition.

d. Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee's responsibilities are defined in Article IV. A.

e. Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare resolutions pertinent to issues in the County, State, and Nation for approval at the County Convention.

f. Plan of Organization Committee. The Plan of Organization Committee is responsible for amending the County Plan of Organization to maintain compliance with the North Carolina Republican Party's NCGOP Plan of Organization. It is also responsible for identifying

additional amendments to the County's Plan of Organization. The Plan of Organization Committee shall issue a written report thirty (30) days prior to the County Convention in accordance with Article IV. A. The Plan of Organization Committee Chairman of this Committee is responsible for complying with sections in this Plan of Organization regarding the filing of the Plan of Organization with the NCGOP. The Plan of Organization Committee may also submit Standing Rules to the County Executive Committee for approval and amendment.

4. Vacancies and Removals

a. Vacancies in the Standing or Special Committees (other than the Finance Committee Chairman) due to resignation, discontinuance or residency within Precinct, death, and/or removal of any Officer of Executive Committee Member, shall be filled by the remaining Members of the County Executive Committee. If the position is one for which the County Chair is responsible for appointing with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, the same process shall be followed in filling the vacancy.

b. The procedure for removal is defined in Article V. B. Such removal may be appealed to the County Executive Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

D. COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Membership.

a. The County Executive Board shall consist of the County Officers, Members-at-Large, Standing Committee Chairmen, Immediate Past Chairman, and Immediate Past Vice Chairman.

2. Powers and Duties

a. As defined by the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization, Article VIII.B.2, the County Executive Board shall have the power to transact Party business between meetings of the full County Executive Committee.

b. The County Chairman shall report any business transacted by the County Executive Board to the full County Executive Committee at its next Meeting, and the County Executive Committee shall then adopt or ratify the business transacted by County Executive Board.

3. Meetings

a. The County Executive Board shall meet upon call of the County Chairman after giving 5 days' Notice to all Members. In an emergency, the Executive Board shall meet upon the call of the County Chairman after giving no less than 24 hours' Notice.

b. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Board Members.

c. There shall be no proxy voting.

d. Any member of the County Executive Committee and special committee chairmen may attend a meeting of the County Executive Board and have a voice, but no vote.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A. CONVENTION PROCEDURES

1. Annual Convention

a. The County Convention shall be called to order by the County Chairman, or in the absence of the Chairman, by the Vice-Chairman or Secretary, in order slated, who shall have the power to appoint the necessary Convention Committees and Temporary Officers at or before the convening of the Convention.

b. No member of a Credentials Committee created by this Plan of Organization shall be eligible to be elected to an Officer or County Executive Committee position at the County Convention for which the Credentials Committee serves, nor shall a Credentials Committee Member publicly support anyone to be elected for an office by said Annual Convention.

c. Except when voting at the County Convention, Credentials Committee Members shall strive to maintain the integrity of the Annual Convention and the Credentials Committee by conducting the business of the Credentials Committee with impartiality and strict neutrality on the business and elections at the Annual Convention.

d. The County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary County Convention Chairman who is not himself when the County Chairman is running for reelection. Only when the Temporary County Convention Chairman is also a Delegate to the Annual Convention may he vote in the election of Officers and Members-at-Large when there is more than one person nominated for such positions.

e. The County Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian for the Annual Convention with knowledge and experience in applying Roberts Rules Newly Revised, Current Edition and this Plan of Organization. The Parliamentarian shall not be a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention.

2. Voting Procedure

a. The Nominating Committee will present its written report at the Annual Convention. Nominations from the floor and elections for each office shall be conducted in the order in which the Officers are listed in this Plan of Organization.

b. The election for each County Executive Office shall be by voice vote when only one candidate for any County Executive Office is nominated and by paper ballot when more than one candidate for any County Executive Office is nominated.

c. No Precinct shall cast more votes than it has duly elected Delegates on the floor at the County Convention.

d. No person shall be seated as a Delegate at the Convention unless such person shall have been a duly elected Delegate or Alternate by the appropriate Precinct Meeting; except, the registered Republican or Republicans, present at a County Convention from an unorganized Precinct, which has not had its credentials accepted, shall have the right to vote 1 vote per Precinct, prorated among those present from that Precinct.

e. No vote shall be cast by proxy.

f. Ex-officio Committee Members, unless otherwise stated herein, have the same voting rights as the other Executive Committee Members and are not counted in determining if a quorum is present. When an Ex-officio Committee Member ceases to hold the office that entitles him/her to such Executive Committee Membership, his/her Executive Committee Membership terminates automatically.

3. Special Meetings and Conventions

a. The NCGOP Central Committee, at any time, in the interests of the NCGOP, may direct the NCGOP Chairman or the Congressional District Chairmen to issue a call for Special Senatorial, Judicial or Legislative Organization Meetings, and Special County and Congressional Districts Conventions, in any or all of the Counties and Districts of the State.

b. The procedure for calling Regular Meetings and Conventions shall apply to the calling of Special Meetings and Conventions so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this Plan of Organization.

4. Newspaper of General Circulation

a. Notice published in a newspaper of general circulation in Brunswick County for the purpose of this Plan of Organization shall include either a paid advertisement or a news item, provided it includes the time, date, location and purpose of the Meeting.

b. Such Notices shall appear in the newspaper at least 10 days prior to the Meeting or Convention.

c. The foregoing requirement may be waived for good cause shown by submission of a waiver request by the County Party to a committee consisting of the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, and General Counsel (“Waiver Committee”). The Waiver Committee may approve the request for good cause shown but only provided that the State Republican Party agrees to provide such Notice on behalf of Brunswick County. In the absence of such agreement by the State Republican Party, the waiver request shall be denied.

d. This (the manner in which the Notice is published) in no way relieves the County Executive Chairman of the responsibility of providing Written Notice in accordance with Article V. J. to Executive Officers required by this Plan of Organization.

5. Challenges

a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan of Organization, challenges to Delegates and Alternates must be made in their capacity as individual Delegates and Alternates.

b. The successful challenge of an individual in their capacity as a Delegate or Alternate shall not affect the seating of other Delegates and Alternates in the same Precinct or County Delegates unless it can be demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that the previous election of such successfully challenged Delegates or Alternates resulted in the election of other Delegates or Alternates within such delelegation who would not otherwise have been elected, but for the votes of the unqualified Delegates or Alternates.

6. General Election Procedure

a. Notwithstanding any other Article in this Plan of Organization, the allocated Delegate slots and then the allocated Alternate slots allotted under this Plan of Organization to a Precinct, or the County shall be filled first by the election of those duly qualified registered Republicans, eligible to vote, present at such Precinct Meeting or Convention and desiring to be elected to fill such slots.

b. All duly qualified Republicans registered to vote in Brunswick County may be elected by qualified Republicans attending the meeting to fill slots that have not been filled by Republicans attending the Meeting or Convention.

7. Non-Partisan Candidates and Office Holders

No opportunity shall be offered by the Brunswick County Republican Party for a candidate for, or current office holder of a "non-partisan office" who is not a Registered Republican to address a Republican Convention or other function sponsored by the County Republican Party or any of its subdivisions.

B. VACANCIES AND REMOVALS

1. Requirement to Counsel a Member Prior to Removal

The Committee Chairman of any Committee organized under this Plan of Organization shall promptly counsel a Committee Member of his Committee who has demonstrated gross inefficiency, Party disloyalty, and/or failure to comply with the County, District, or State Plans of Organization. Said Committee Member shall immediately correct such action to the satisfaction of the Committee Chairman. The following paragraphs of this Section will be followed when said Committee Member does not immediately take corrective action.

2. Reasons for Removal of Any Member of a Committee Organized Under This Plan

a. Any such Committee Member may be removed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the respective Committee after being furnished with Written Notice of charges against him, signed by the lesser of 50 Committee Members or one-third (1/3) of the Committee Members of the

respective Committee. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with 15 days' Written Notice of said charges and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Removal by a vote of the respective Committee shall be confined to gross inefficiency, Party disloyalty (as defined herein) or failure to comply with the County, District, or State Plans of Organization.

b. Automatically upon such Committee Member's conviction (as defined below) of a felony after election to such Committee without the need for any further action immediately removed effective upon such conviction, and the seat declared vacant. Each Committee Member shall have the affirmative duty to inform the Committee Chairman of such Committee in writing immediately upon his conviction of a felony; provided that the failure of a member to so notify the Committee Chairman in writing shall not delay, prevent, or restrict the expulsion of such Committee Member from such Committee in accordance with this Section.

3. Definitions

a. For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, "Party Disloyalty" shall be defined as actively supporting another Political Party, a candidate of another Party or independent candidate running in opposition to a candidate of the Republican Party or a Republican endorsed by the appropriate Executive Committee in a non-partisan election.

b. For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, "Gross Inefficiency" shall include failing to attend three consecutive Standing or Special Committee Meetings or more than four of the preceding twelve County Executive Committee Meetings without contacting the County Chairman requesting to be excused prior to the meeting for good reason.

c. For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, a "conviction" shall be defined as the conviction or entering of a guilty plea, an Alford plea, or a plea of no contest to a felony under the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States.

C. OFFICIAL RECORDS

1. Minutes shall be kept by all Committees and Conventions of official actions taken.
2. A copy shall be filed with the County Executive Committee Chairman—or the Convention Chairman and with the Republican State Headquarters.

D. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1. Records

a) The County Executive Committee Chairman, Treasurer, and Finance Committee Chairman keep faithful and accurate records of any and all monies received by them for the use of the said Committees and shall make faithful and accurate reports thereof when so requested.

b) If desired by the treasurer, and approved by the Executive Committee, the Assistant Treasurer and/or the custodian of the Books, may be named, and the appropriate notification

to the North Carolina Board of Elections be made in accordance with the Statement of Organization – Party Committee, Form CRO-2100C.

2. Loans

No County Executive Committee Officer, County Executive Committee Member, or Standing or Special Committee Chairman or Member shall cause the Brunswick County Republican Party to undertake a loan without the prior approval of the County Executive Committee.

3. Budgeted Expenses

No County executive Committee Officer, County Executive Committee Member, or Standing or Special Committee Chairman or Member shall exceed approved total budgeted expenditures without approval from the County Executive Committee.

E. APPOINTMENTS

1. Notification

It shall be the duty of the State Chairman to transmit Notice of known vacancies on a County, District or State level to those persons having jurisdiction over such appointments.

2. Filling Vacancies

a. When a vacancy occurs in a governmental office for which the County Party recommendation is called for, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the terms of this Plan of Organization. The abovementioned recommendation(s) shall be provided by the Committee having jurisdiction over the District which is subject of the vacancy.

b. In multi-county offices or state legislative offices, the responsibility for calling the meeting rests with the State Chairman. The State Chairman may Delegate this authority to the appropriate district or county chairman or the Congressional District Chairman if the county or congressional district, as the case may be, encompasses all of the district or county in which the vacancy occurs.

c. Unless otherwise provided by law, Notice to Committee Members of the time, date, location and purpose of the meeting at which a recommendation for filling the vacancy will be considered, must be made by United States Mail – First Class Postage prepaid to the last known address of the Committee Member. Notice must be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless good cause exists for shortening the time period. In no case may the meeting be scheduled for a date and time less than five (5) days after the mailing of the Notice to Committee Members. The individual required by this Plan of Organization or appointed by the Chairman of the Brunswick County Executive Committee shall provide the Chairman an affidavit or other suitable verification that Notice was properly mailed, via United States Mail

First Class postage prepaid to the last known address of the Committee Members requiring Notice of the meeting.

d. Nominations to the County Boards of Election for a full term by the State Chairman to the North Carolina State Board of Election shall be subject to the following procedures:

- i. At least ninety (90) days prior to the date the State Chairman must submit nominees to the North Carolina Board of Elections, the State Chairman must give Notice by electronic and/or written means to the County Chairman informing the County Chairmen of the deadline by which such nominations from the County Executive Committees must be submitted to the State Chairman. The deadline for nominations to be submitted to the State Chairman shall be at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the State Chairman must submit the nominees to the North Carolina Board of Elections.
- ii. Each County Executive Committee, through the County Chairman, shall submit to the State Chairman by electronic and/or written means the names and the order of the names for the nominations approved by a majority of the County Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the State Chairman must submit the nominees to the North Carolina Board of Elections.
- iii. If the State Chairman fails to accept the nominations from the County Executive Committee (including the order of the names submitted), the State Chairman shall provide the County Chairman in writing by electronic and/or written means a list of his final nominations to the North Carolina State Board of Elections and his or her reasons for rejecting the County's nominees.
- iv. If a vacancy occurs on a County Board of Elections the State Chairman shall establish a procedure in which the following occur: (1) the respective County Executive Committee is given the opportunity to submit nominations to the State Chairman; (2) the State Chairman gives the County Executive Committee Notice if the State Chairman intends not to accept the submitted nominations, including the order of the names of the nominations; (3) the County Chairman is notified of the State Chairman's final nominations to the North Carolina State Board of Elections.
- v. In all events, the State Chairman shall give Written Notice to each County Chairman of the nominations submitted to the North Carolina State Board of Elections within fifteen (15) days of the submission of the nominations.

e. In those cases where the State Chairman or, by appointment, the county, district, or Congressional District Chairman calls the meeting, the State Chairman shall designate the person to chair the meeting. The vote shall be conducted in a method reasonably calculated to assure accuracy and fairness to all potential candidates for the position.

f. Should any cause or provision found in this section be deemed inconsistent with the laws of the State of North Carolina, those laws shall govern as to the particular clause or provision and the remainder of this section shall apply.

F. FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

1. Removal or Resignation from Committees

a. Any current or former Officer or Member of a Precinct Committee and County Executive Committee (including its Special Committees), who, for any reason, is removed or resigned from said position shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected with that position.

2. Party Disloyalty

a. Any registered Republican attempting to influence or influencing the outcome of any election against a Republican candidate or Republican endorsed by the appropriate Republican Executive Committee or Legislative Caucus, other than by supporting an opposing Republican Candidate in a Republican primary, may be declared ineligible to hold Office under this Plan of Organization, and Precinct level for Party disloyalty by 2/3 vote of the County Executive Committee.

b. Charges of Party disloyalty may be brought by petition of 2/3 members of the County Executive Committee. The County Executive Committee may declare a Republican found to have engaged in Party disloyalty as ineligible to serve in any County Executive Committee Office under this Plan of Organization for a period of time between 6 months and 5 years.

c. The NCGOP Plan of Organization may contain additional requirements for handling instances of Party Disloyalty.

G. REFRAIN FROM UTILIZING POWERS OF OFFICE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

a. Each County Executive Committee Officer, County Executive Committee Member, any Standing or Special Committee Chairman or Member, and Precinct Officers shall refrain from utilizing the powers and dignity of his office or position in any Republican Primary for public office at any level and/or any Non-partisan Primary for public office at any level when more than one registered Republican has filed for the position.

b. Each County Executive Committee Officer, County Executive Committee Member, any Standing or Special Committee Chairman or Member, and Precinct Officers shall not show any support for a candidate running in a Primary defined above while attending any meetings or events in the official capacity of their office or position.

H. PARTY OFFICERS AS CANDIDATES

1. County Chairman and Vice Chairman

a. In the event that the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the County Executive Committee shall announce his intentions to run for public office or shall file a Notice of Candidacy with the Board of Elections, that person shall be deemed to have resigned his office within the Party,

effective seven days after the close of filing, and the then-existing vacancy shall be filled as provided for herein.

b. In those cases where the Party office held by said person is at the county level, the Party official may petition the County Executive Committee for exemption from this provision and the County Executive Committee may, for good cause shown, grant such an exemption with a two-thirds affirmative vote. This exemption shall be deemed void if any other Republican files with the Board of Elections for the same public office within that election cycle.

I. ENDORSEMENTS IN NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS

1. Elections for Positions within the County

a. In non-partisan elections, the County Executive Committee shall have exclusive authority to endorse registered Republicans running in the county.

b. The County Executive Committee shall not issue endorsements in non-partisan races unless the district resides entirely within the County.

c. All members of the County Executive Committee shall vote on the non-partisan endorsements for districts wholly encompassed within that county, regardless of whether Committee members live within the district in question, providing a quorum is present.

d. The vote on the endorsement shall be conducted in a method reasonably calculated to assure accuracy and fairness to all registered Republicans who are candidates seeking the office for which the endorsement is made.

2. Non-partisan, Statewide Judicial Elections

a. The North Carolina GOP (NCGOP) State Executive Committee shall have the exclusive authority to endorse registered Republicans. The County Executive Committee shall not issue endorsements of non-partisan, statewide judicial candidates inconsistent with the NCGOP State Executive Committee endorsements.

3. Announcement of Meeting to Endorse Candidates in Non-Partisan Elections

a. With respect to any endorsement provided for in this section (Article V. I.) and unless otherwise provided by law, Notice to County Executive Committee Members of the time, date, location, and purpose of the Meeting at which any such endorsement will be considered must be made in accordance with Article V. J.

b. Notice must be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless good cause exists for shortening the time period. In no case may the Meeting be scheduled for a time and date less than (5) days after the Notice to County Executive Committee Members.

c. Such Notice shall also be provided to all registered Republicans who are candidates seeking the office for which the endorsement is made.

J. NOTICE

1. "Written Notice" as used in this plan shall mean Notice sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) first class mail of the required information to the intended recipient. Any individual providing Notice pursuant to this Plan shall document the time and manner of providing Notice in the event a challenge to providing proper Notice arises.

a. The date post marked by the USPS shall be conclusive as to the date Notice was given.

b. Individuals entitled to receive Written Notice under this Plan of Organization may elect to receive notification by other means in lieu of Written Notice. This may be requested via Written Notice to the County Secretary of the entity required to give Written Notice; however, this waiver is revocable at any time by sending Written Notice of the revocation to the County Secretary.

2. "Notice" as used in this Plan of Organization shall be defined as the actual providing of the required information to the intended recipient by direct means which are substantially likely to inform the recipient. "Notice" can include, but is not limited to, US Mail First Class postage prepaid, telephonic communications, telefacsimile transmissions, and/or email. Any individual providing Notice pursuant to the plan shall document the time and manner of providing Notice in the event a challenge to providing proper Notice arises.

3. "Public Notice" as used in this plan shall be defined as the procedure for informing interested persons by means that ensure full and timely Notice to the public of the event requiring Notice. The primary means for Public Notice shall be the County, District or State party's website. Other media such as radio, television, email, or US mail may be used with approval of the State Credentials Committee. All Public Notices must appear or be broadcast at least 10 days prior to a Convention or Special Meeting.

K. PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE CALL

The Chairman of any Committee organized under this Plan of Organization may permit any one (1) or more Committee Members of such Committee to fully participate (to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote, etc.) in a Meeting of such Committee by means of a telephone or other electronic conference call that allows all persons participating in the Meeting to simultaneously hear each other during the Meeting, and such participation in a Meeting shall be deemed present in person at such Meeting.

L. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

1. Action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of any Committee organized under this Plan of Organization may be taken without a Meeting by unanimous written consent of all Members of such Committee having jurisdiction over such action.
2. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents signed by each Committee Member before or after such action, describing the action taken, and included in the minutes or filed with the Committee's records.
3. Action so taken is effective when the last Committee Member of the Committee having jurisdiction over such action signs such consent, unless consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent has the effect of a Meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS, APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

A. AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

1. This Plan of Organization may be amended, not inconsistent with the Rules of the Republican National Committee and the NCGOP Plan of Organization by majority vote of the Delegates present and voting at any Annual Convention; provided, however, that the proposed amendment was mailed to the membership of the County Executive Committee in accordance with Article V. J. at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Annual Convention.
2. Amendments from the Annual Convention floor to the proposed Amendments to this Plan of Organization (an amendment to the amendment) which would materially alter the intent of the original proposed Amendment must receive a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting at the Annual Convention. This paragraph applies only to Amendments to this Plan of Organization that were mailed out to the County a Committee as above described.
3. Proposed amendments to this Plan of Organization not mailed to the County Executive Committee thirty days prior to the convening of the Annual Convention must receive a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting at the Annual Convention.
4. The County Plan of Organization Committee shall have authority to correct any spelling or typographical errors in this Plan of Organization that do not change the substance of the Plan as a housekeeping matter.
5. The County Executive Committee may Amend this Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing 10 days' Notice of the Meeting in accordance with Article V. J. advising County Executive Committee Members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment(s) and provided a quorum is present.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this County Plan of Organization, in the event that there is a change in state or federal election law that renders a portion of this Plan of Organization ineffective, obsolete or inoperative, the County Executive Committee may, upon a two-thirds majority vote, temporarily amend this Plan of Organization to the extent necessary to alter procedures or schedules affected by such change in state or federal election law. Any change made pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective only until the date of adjournment of the next Annual Convention called pursuant to this Plan of Organization, Article IV. A. 1.

B. APPLICABILITY

1. Rules as to Towns and Cities

This Plan of Organization is not intended to extend to or establish organizations for the Republican Party of various towns and cities of the State of North Carolina as separate units from the Precinct and County Organization. Qualified and registered Republican voters of the towns and cities of the state may organize and promulgate their own rules not inconsistent with these rules and the organizations herein established.

2. Additions

The County Executive Committee and the Annual Convention may promulgate such additional rules and establish such additional County Executive Committee Officers or Standing and Special Committees, not inconsistent with NCGOP rules, as deemed necessary.

C. AUTHORITY

1. Controversies

Controversies in the County with respect to the organizations set up therein under this Plan shall be referred to the Arbitration Committee whose members shall be the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and General Counsel for arbitration. Parties before the Arbitration Committee shall have a reasonable opportunity to present their case through argument and evidence. The length and parameters of such argument, as well as the admission and consideration of such evidence, shall be solely within the discretion of the Arbitration Committee. Ruling shall be made within 60 days, and their decision shall be final. All parties who participate in an arbitration shall have access to the final, written decision of the Arbitration Committee.

2. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Current Edition shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with this County Plan of Organization or Convention Rules properly adopted.

3. Gender and Number

The masculine pronoun or title herein includes the feminine, and the singular herein includes the plural, wherever appropriate.

4. No Proxy Voting

No proxy voting shall be allowed at any Executive Standing or Special Meeting or Annual Convention held pursuant to this Plan of Organization.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. Effective Date of this Plan

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately following adjournment of the County Convention in Bolivia, North Carolina, on March 16, 2019. This, however, shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules prior to the date above. The adoption of this Plan shall not affect the term of those office holders at the time of the adoption of this Plan.

2. Effective Date of Plan Amendments

Amendments to this Plan of Organization shall become effective immediately following adjournment of the Meeting at which they were adopted. This, however, shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules prior to that date. The adoption of Amendments to this Plan of Organization shall not affect the term of those office holders at the time of the adoption of this Plan of Organization.