

BCGOP STRUCTURE

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ARTICLE I COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Membership: The County Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

A. The Chairman, First Vice-Chairman for Organization, Second Vice-Chairman for Event Coordination, Secretary, and Treasurer: These are elected as County Officers by the Delegates of the County Convention.

B. At Large Members: Five individuals who will serve on the Executive Committee who are elected by the Delegates of the County Convention.

C. The County Finance Chairman: This individual is appointed by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Executive Committee (as provided below).

D. The Precinct Chairmen: These individuals are elected by Republicans who live in their Precinct at Precinct Meetings. The Vice-Chairman may represent and vote in the absence of the Chairman. The Secretary may represent and vote in the absence of the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman. The Treasurer may represent and vote in the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman.

E. The Presidents of all Republican Clubs in Buncombe County, to include: the Buncombe County Republican Women's Club; the Blue Ridge Republican Women's Club; the Buncombe County Republican Men's Club; the Buncombe County Republican ACTION Club; the Buncombe County Young Republicans Club; and the UNCA College Republicans Club or any Republican Student Organization associated with any institution of higher education, the Leadership Council, Liaisons to the Caucuses within the Leadership Council, the Veterans' Club, and the Liberty Club.. If the President of a Republican Club in Buncombe County is already a member of the Executive Committee of the BCGOP because of some other office held, the club President may appoint one other club member to serve on the Executive Committee.

F. Area Coordinators. Each area of the city and county shall have an Area Coordinator, who shall be responsible for coordination of Precinct activities within their Area. Areas shall be comprised of at least two, but not more than six, Precincts. Area Coordinators shall be recommended by the Precinct Chairmen or appointed temporarily by the County Chairman or County First Vice-Chairman. Area Coordinators shall be approved by the County Executive Committee.

G. District Coordinators. Each Legislative District within the boundary of Buncombe County shall have a District Coordinator who shall be responsible for coordination of Area Coordinators within the District. Districts shall be those determined by the General Assembly as Legislative Districts. District

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H. Communications Director. The Communications Director is responsible for all public-facing messages from the BCGOP. This includes press releases, newsletters, email updates, advertising, brochures, website content, and any other materials which are disseminated with the BCGOP name and logo. The Communications Director shall be appointed by the County Chairman and approved by the County Executive Committee.

I. Membership Director. The Membership Director of the Buncombe County Republican Party is responsible for promoting campaigns, activities and events designed to increase Republican registrations and increase participation in member activities in Buncombe County. The Membership Director shall be appointed by the County Chairman and approved by the County Executive Committee.

J. Elected officials and members of the Congressional District and State Executive Committees, with residence in Buncombe County, shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of this Committee.

2. Powers and Duties:

A. The County Executive Committee shall cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities; shall encourage qualified candidates for office within the County; shall adopt a budget; shall recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointments for County Board of Election; and shall have active management of Party affairs within the County. It shall approve a Finance Committee and an Auditing Committee of not fewer than three (3) Members each and may approve such other Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman and First Vice-Chairman shall be Ex-Officio Members of all Committees indicated in this paragraph.

B. In the event that it is determined that the BCGOP Structure is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee must at the next called meeting bring the BCGOP Structure into compliance with the State Party Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the BCGOP Structure must be brought into compliance within 90 days.

3. Judicial, Senatorial and Legislative District Committees:

A. The County Executive Committee shall serve as the Judicial District Executive Committee by encouraging qualified candidates for District Attorney, District Judge and Superior Court Judge and shall cooperate with the State Executive Committee in all campaigns for such offices.

B. Prior to the State Convention, the County Chairman shall appoint, subject to approval by the County Executive Committee, two representatives for each of the Senatorial and Legislative Districts encompassed in whole or in part by the County, to have such duties as may be prescribed by the State Executive Committees and to assist and cooperate with the State and County Executive Committees.

C. The County Executive Committee shall serve as the District Executive Committee as referred to in the North Carolina General Statutes Section 163-114.

4. Meetings:

The County Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year upon call of the County Chairman after giving ten (10) days' notice to all Members; or upon similar call of one-third of the members of the Committee. One-third (1/3) of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. There shall be no proxy voting.

5. Duties of Offices:

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. He or she shall issue the call for Annual Precinct Meetings, the County Convention, and Executive Committee Meetings, and shall preside at all the meetings of the County Executive Committee. He or she shall appoint a Finance Chairman and Finance Committee, Auditing Committee, and any other Committees deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Buncombe County Republican Party. He or she may appoint a Temporary Precinct Chairman to work in an unorganized Precinct until the Republican voters in that Precinct elect a Precinct Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention who may be him or herself. He or she shall make periodic reports on the status of the Party within the County to the District Chairman, on forms furnished by the State Central Committee. He or she shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Republican organization in every Precinct within the County. He or she shall obtain and preserve a list of all registered Republicans within the County, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County, District, or State Committees. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees unless otherwise designated.

B. The First Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee. He or she may appoint a Temporary Precinct Chairman to work in an unorganized Precinct until the Republican voters in that Precinct elect a Precinct Chairman. The First Vice-Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees unless otherwise designated.

C. The Second Vice-Chairman for Events Coordination shall coordinate all social and political events conducted by the Buncombe County Republican Party.

D. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records, and shall maintain a roster of all precinct officers and Executive Committee members. Such records, including all Credentials Lists, shall be available, upon request, to any registered Republican within the County. The Secretary shall furnish to the Buncombe County Board of Elections, the Congressional District Chairman and to NCGOP Headquarters up-to-date lists of all Precinct Chairmen.

E. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds for Party expenditures pursuant to authority duly given by the County Executive Committee, and will make a financial report at all County Executive Committee meetings, and shall fulfill all financial reports and obligations required under State and Federal election laws.

6. Vacancies and Removals:

A. In case of death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the County, removal of any officer or member of the County Executive Committee, or other vacancy, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by temporary appointment by the Chairman or First Vice-Chairman and approved by the County Executive Committee.

B. Any Officer or Member of the County Executive Committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against such Member or Officer signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Committee and allowing such Member or Officer thirty (30) days to appear and defend themselves; provided further that said cause for removal shall be confined to gross inefficiency, Party Disloyalty, or failure to act in compliance with the BCGOP Structure or State Plan of Organization. Such removal may be appealed, within twenty (20) days to the Congressional District Chairman and members of the State Executive Committee within the District, and their decision shall be final.

C. For the purposes of the Plan of Organization, "Party Disloyalty" shall be defined as supporting a candidate of another Party, or independent candidate, running in opposition to a nominee of the Republican Party in a general election.

ARTICLE II COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. Membership: The County Central Committee shall consist of the following:

A. The Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

B. The five (5) At Large Members of the Executive Committee.

C. The County Finance Chairman.

D. The Presidents of all Republican Clubs in Buncombe County, to include: the Republican Women's Club; the Blue Ridge Republican Women's Club; the Buncombe County Republican Men's Club; the Buncombe County Young Republicans Club; and the UNCA College Republicans Club or any Republican Student Organization associated with any institution of higher education, the Leadership Council, Liaisons to the Caucuses within the Leadership Council, the Veterans' Club, and the Liberty Club.

E. The Area Coordinators, District Coordinators, Communications Director, and Membership Director.

2. Powers and Duties:

A. The County Central Committee shall have the power to appoint Campaign Committees, temporary Convention officers, and such other Committees as it may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Party; to manage the affairs of the Party between meetings of the County Executive Committee; to formulate fiscal policy, establish quotas, prepare a budget; to set the dates for the Precinct Meetings in accordance with the National and State Party rules; and to do all things pertaining to Party affairs which it may be authorized to do by the County Executive Committee.

B. It shall be responsible for initiating all campaigns for all public officials within Buncombe County and coordinating them as determined feasible.

C. All actions of the County Central Committee shall keep accurate accounts of its proceedings and

shall make annual reports to the County Executive Committee.

D. In addition to all other duties, the County Central Committee is charged with assisting the Chairman in creating an effective Republican organization in every political Precinct in the County.

E. If a member of the Central Committee has three consecutive unannounced absences from meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee, that member shall be assumed to have resigned from the Central Committee and the Executive Committee of the Buncombe County Republican Party.

3. Meetings:

The County Central Committee shall meet at least six (6) times a year upon call of the County Chairman after giving five (5) days notice to all members of the Committee; or upon similar call of one third (1/3) of the members of the Committee. The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Central Committee. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. There shall be no proxy voting.

4. Vacancies and Removals:

Vacancies and removals from the County Central Committee shall be by the County Executive Committee and in accordance with the same procedure required for vacancy and removal of a member of the County Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III

COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDITING COMMITTEES

1. Finance Committee:

The County Finance Committee shall be composed of the County Finance Chairman, the County Chairman, the County First Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer of the Buncombe County Republican Party, and not fewer than three (3) persons appointed by the County Chairman subject to approval by the County Executive Committee. They shall cooperate with the Congressional District and State Finance Committees and shall have active management of fund-raising efforts within the County.

2. Auditing Committee:

The Auditing Committee shall conduct a yearly audit of the financial records of the Buncombe County Republican Party and report such audit to the County Executive Committee for approval. The County Chairman shall appoint no fewer than three (3) persons to this committee, subject to approval by the County Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

FOREFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

Any officer or member of a Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee, who, for any reason, is removed as provided in this Structure, or the State Party Plan of Organization, or resigns from said position shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected with that position.

ARTICLE V

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with this Structure or the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina or Convention Rules properly adopted.

ARTICLE VI

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PLAN

March 8, 2009, at the conclusion of the BCGOP Convention.

ARTICLE VII

CHANGES TO THIS PLAN

This Structure may be changed a) by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the County Executive Committee after providing notice of the meeting advising its Members of the substance of the proposed amendments and provided a quorum is present, or b) by majority vote of the Delegates at a County Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

CONTROVERSIES

Controversies with respect to this Structure shall be referred to the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewomen and General Counsel for arbitration, and their decision shall be final.

ARTICLE IX

CONTESTED REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

The Buncombe County Republican Party will not endorse any candidate in a contested Republican primary by using Buncombe County Republican Party resources. Any Buncombe County Republican Party resource that is offered to one candidate must be offered to all. This includes use of Buncombe County Republican Party lists or information available only to Executive Committee Members.

ARTICLE X

PARTY DISLOYALTY

No member of the Executive Committee may promote fundraisers that benefit any non-Republican party or non-Republican candidates for public office by any means.