

ONslow COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Republican Party of Onslow County, 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 the American principle that government ought and must be of all the people, by all the people and for all 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 Onslow County Republican Party of North Carolina.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

I.A. MEMBERS

All citizens of Onslow County who are registered Republicans, are members of the Onslow County Republican Party and shall have the right to participate in the official affairs of the Republican Party in accordance with these rules. All reference herein to delegates, alternates, officers and members shall, in all cases, mean persons identified and registered with the Republican Party in the precinct of their residence. Any person running for an office within the North Carolina state, district legislative, county or precinct Republican Party shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office.

ARTICLE II – PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

II.A. ANNUAL PRECINCT MEETINGS

II.A.1. Call for Meeting

In every year, the County Chairman shall call a precinct meeting during the months of February or March after giving no less than fifteen (15) days written notice to each Precinct Chairman and by notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county as provided for in Article VII.A.4. The Precinct Chair shall also be informed as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the county convention and in accordance with Article VII.A.4. Failure of the County Chairman to act in compliance with the provision above shall be cause for any member of the County Executive Committee to call said precinct meetings by notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in accordance with Article VII.A.4 and by electronic media. Every Republican that is registered prior to January 31 preceding the meetings shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote, except that the January 31 requirement shall not apply to residents who have moved into the precinct within thirty (30) days of the precinct meeting.

II.A.2. Election of Precinct Officers

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 deemed necessary to conduct the business of the precinct. Members of the Precinct Committee shall hold their places for two (2) years or until their successors are chosen.

II.A.3. Election of Delegates

Precinct meetings shall elect one delegate and one alternate to the County Convention. They shall also elect one additional delegate and alternate for every one hundred (100) registered Republican voters or major fraction thereof, in the precinct as of January 31 of that year.

II.A.4. Duties of Officers

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. Complete credentials shall be in the hands of the County Secretary by the deadline set by the County Chairman, which shall be at least two (2) days prior to the credentials committee meeting; provided, however, that when the precinct meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, the complete credentials shall be in the hands of the County Secretary at the time set by the County Chairman on that day. No precinct Delegate or Alternate shall be added to the Credentials List following the adjournment of the precinct meeting. This delegate list shall be made immediately available to any Republican candidate, at that candidate's reasonable expense, after the county chairman receives a 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.

II.A.5. Other Precinct Meetings

II.A.5(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 five (5) days notice of such meetings in a newspaper of general circulation within the County or by electronic media; or upon similar call of one third of the members of the Precinct Committee or ten (10) members of the general precinct membership.

II.A.5(b). In the event a precinct fails to 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. 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.

II.A.6. Meeting 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 annual precinct facilities (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), 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 Annual Precinct Meetings 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

II.B. PRECINCT COMMITTEE

II.B.1. Duties of Committee

The Precinct Committee shall cooperate with the County Executive Committee in all elections and Party activities, provide the County Chairman with a list of Party members within the precinct suitable for appointment as election officials and promote the objectives of the Party within the precinct.

II.B.2. Duties of Officers

The Chairman of the Precinct Committee, with the advice and consent of the Precinct Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the precinct, shall preside at all meetings of the precinct and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman shall function as the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records, shall forward such documentation to the County Secretary, and shall maintain a list of registered Republican voters and workers in the precinct, unless otherwise provided by the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee

II.B.3. Vacancies and Removals

II.B.3(a). In the case of death, resignation, discontinuance of residence within the precinct, removal of any officer or member of the Precinct Committee, or other vacancy, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Precinct Committee.

II.B.3(b). The procedure for removal of any Member or Officer is defined in Article VII.A.7. Such removal may be appealed to the County Executive Committee within twenty (20) days of the Precinct Committee final decision and the County Executive Committee decision shall be final.

II.B.4. Meetings

Meetings of the Precinct Committee may be held at such times as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Precinct Committee or the County Chairman after giving notice of such meetings or upon the call of one third of the members of the Precinct Committee.

II.B.5. Additional Offices or Committees

The precincts are authorized to establish such additional offices or committees as may be deemed necessary, consistent with the County or State Plan of Organization.

ARTICLE III - COUNTY ORGANIZATION

III.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

III.A.1. Call of Convention

III.A.1(a). A County Convention shall be called every year, by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, to be held at the County seat, within the month of March, at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled district convention, and after giving notice within the procedures given in Article VII.A.4 and by electronic media. At or about the time of the call of the convention, the County Chairman shall appoint a credentials committee, consisting of no less than three (3) people, which will meet and issue its report on delegates and alternates certified to that convention at least three (3) days in advance of the convening of the convention, unless a county holds its precinct meetings and County Convention on the same day. All delegates challenged in the report of the credentials committee shall be notified prior to the day of the election and allowed to present their case to the credentials committee prior to the convening of the convention. The delegates and alternates elected at the precinct meetings, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as delegates and alternates at the County Convention.

III.A.1(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 follow procedures given in Article VII.A.4. If the County Chairman or Vice-Chairman does not call such a meeting, 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. If a precinct fails to organize and elect delegates to the County Convention, the registered Republicans present at the County Convention from that precinct shall have the right to cast one vote, prorated among those present from that precinct.

III.A.2. Convention Action

III.A.2(a). The County Convention shall adopt or amend a written County Plan of Organization consistent with the District and State Plans of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at the County Headquarters and at the District and State Headquarters. Failure to comply may result in the County Delegation not being seated at the District or State Convention by the respective Credentials Committee. Failure of the County Party to submit a County Plan to the NCGOP State Headquarters, within thirty (30) days of its adoption, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, shall constitute agreement by the County Party to adopt the State Plan of Organization for that county.

III.A.2(b). The odd year County Convention shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary who are registered Republican as of January 31 of that year and who shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

III.A.2(c). The odd year County Convention shall elect up to eighteen (18) Executive Committee Members At Large, in addition to the County Officers, who shall serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. Nominations may be made from the Precinct meetings for membership at large on the Executive Committee.

III.A.2(d). The County Convention shall elect one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate to the Congressional District and State Conventions, plus one (1) additional Delegate and Alternate for every two hundred fifty (250) Republicans, or major fraction thereof, registered in the county, as of January 31 of that year. The County shall further elect one (1) Delegate and Alternate for each Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or national level from said County in the last election held for that office.

III.A.3. Credentials

The Chairman and the Secretary of the County Executive Committee shall certify the election of the officers, committee members, delegates, alternates and Precinct Chairs 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 VII. Completed credentials are to be in the hands of or in the email box of the Congressional District Secretaries and 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. All County Credentials for the District/State Conventions should be mailed to the respective headquarters no later than ten (10) days following the date of the County Convention or the deadline set by the State Chairman, whichever date comes first. The postmark date will be used for compliance. No delegates or alternates shall be added to the credentials lists following the adjournment of the County Convention. Copies of all newspaper notices in addition to a list of county and precinct officers, shall be submitted to the NC Republican Party and all applicable Congressional District Committees along with County Credentials.

III.A.4. Convention Fee

For each person who is elected at the County Convention to be either a delegate or an alternate to the District/State Conventions, the county shall forward to the District/State Parties a fee set by the State Central Committee to defray the costs of mailing Convention materials to such elected Delegates and Alternates.

III.A.5. Meeting 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), 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.

III.B. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

III.B.1. Membership

III.B.1(a). The County Executive Committee shall consist of the County Officers and Members at Large elected by the odd year County Convention and shall include all Precinct Chairmen, the County Finance Chairman, President of the Onslow County Young Republicans, President of the

Onslow County Republican Women's Club and the immediate Past-Chairman of the Onslow County Republican Party. A member may hold only one voting position on the Executive Committee at any one time.

III.B.1(b). Officers of the District and State Executive Committee from Onslow County and any elected Republican governmental officials that live within the county shall be ex-officio members of the County Executive Committee. In counting a quorum, these ex-officio members shall not be included as members of the Executive Committee.

III.B.2. Powers and Duties

III.B.2(a). The County Executive Committee shall cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities, shall adopt a budget and shall recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointment to the County Board of Elections. The Committee shall encourage qualified candidates to run for office within the county and shall have active management of Party affairs within the county.

III.B.2(b). The Executive Committee shall approve a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee of not less than three members each and may approve other such committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees indicated in this paragraph.

III.B.2(c). The County Executive Committee shall establish an Executive Board to conduct the business of the Party between Executive Committee meetings. This Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the County Party and three additional members of the Executive Committee serving on a rotating basis for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive Board meetings. The County Chairman shall nominate and the Executive Committee shall approve the three rotating Board members.

III.B.2(d). In the event that it is determined that the County Plan of Organization is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee must, at the next called meeting, bring the County Plan of Organization into compliance with the State Party Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the County Plan of Organization must be brought into compliance within ninety (90) days.

III.B.2(e). The County Executive Committee may amend the County Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing written notice via first class United States Mail of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present. County Republican Parties shall submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their county plans of organizations, 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 and/or amendment to be considered valid.

III.B.3. Meetings

The County Executive Committee shall meet monthly. One third of filled Committee positions shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

III.B.4. Duties of Officers

III.B.4(a). The Chairman of the County Executive Committee, subject to the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the county. The Chairman shall issue the call for Precinct Chair Meetings, County Conventions and Executive Committee and Executive Board Meetings and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Board. The Chairman shall nominate an audit committee, a Finance Chairman, and any other chairman deemed necessary to conduct the business of the County Executive Committee, subject to the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. He shall further appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention, who may be himself. He shall make periodic reports on the status of the Party within the County to the District Chairman. He shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Republican organization in every precinct within the county. He 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's or State Committees; the County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees unless otherwise designated.

III.B.4(b). The Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and shall have other such duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees unless otherwise designated.

III.B.4(c). The 2nd Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and shall have other such duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive committee. The 2nd Vice-Chairman is not an ex-officio member of any committees.

III.B.4(d). The Secretary shall keep all minutes, copies of correspondence, reports and records of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of all Precinct Officers and Executive Committee members. The Secretary will maintain an attendance roster of all meetings. Such records, including all credentials, shall be available upon request to any registered Republican within the county. The Secretary shall be responsible for all notices of meetings and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall furnish to the Congressional District Chairman and State Headquarters up-to-date lists of all the Precinct Chairmen.

III.B.4(e). The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds for Party expenditures pursuant to authority duly given by the County Executive Committee. The Chairman, or in his absence the 1st Vice-Chairman, and the Treasurer, or in his absence, the Assistant Treasurer, shall be authorized to sign all checks of the County Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at all County Executive Committee meetings and shall fulfill all financial reports and obligations required under State and Federal Election laws. The Treasurer shall notify the Executive Committee when reports are required and provide copies of all correspondence and reports generated by his office to the Secretary for retention. With the exception of paragraph III.B.2.c only the Executive Committee can authorize the expenditure of Party funds. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Assistant Treasurer is provided with up to date accurate timely financial information so that he can maintain the County's back-up financial records.

III.B.4(f). The Assistant Treasurer is the chief assistant to the Treasurer and as such shall be responsible for maintaining the County's back-up financial records. He shall coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure that the financial records he is required to keep are current and up to date. In the absence of the Treasurer he will perform any and all duties required of the Treasurer.

III.B.5. Vacancies and Removals

III.B.5(a). In the case of death, resignation, no longer living within the county, removal of any officer or member of the County Executive Committee, or other vacancy, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the County Executive Committee.

III.B.5(b). The procedure for removal of any Member or Officer is defined in Article VII.A.7. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

III.C. COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

III.C.1. Finance Committee

The County Finance Committee shall be composed of the County Finance Chairman, the County Chairman, County Vice-Chairman the County Treasurer and not less than three persons nominated by the Chairman and approved 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.

III.C.2. Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee shall be nominated by the County Chairman and the names shall be presented for the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee. The Audit Committee, once approved, shall conduct a yearly review, in the months of January or February, of the financial records of the County Party and report such review to the County Executive Committee for approval. The review to be conducted shall be of the type and nature, which the Audit Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

ARTICLE IV – JUDICIAL, SENATORIAL, AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (NOT USED)

ARTICLE V – CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (NOT USED)

ARTICLE VI – STATE ORGANIZATION (NOT USED)

ARTICLE VII – GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

VII.A. CONVENTION PROCEDURES

VII.A.1. Annual Conventions and Presidential Election Year Conventions

VII.A.1(a). The County Conventions shall be called to order by the Chairmen, or in the absence of the Chairman, by the Vice-Chairman, 2nd 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.

VII.A.1(b). No member of a credentials committee created by this Plan shall be eligible to be elected to an officer or executive committee position at the convention for which the credentials committee serves, nor shall a committee member publicly support anyone for an office to be elected by said convention. Except when voting in convention, members of credentials committees shall strive to maintain the integrity of the convention and the committee by conducting the business of the committee with impartiality and strict neutrality on the business and elections of said convention.

VII.A.2. Voting Procedure

VII.A.2(a). No Precinct shall cast more votes than it has duly elected Delegates on the floor at the County Convention.

VII.A.2(b). No person shall be seated as a Delegate at the County Convention unless such person shall have been duly elected a 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.

VII.A.2(c). No Delegate, Alternate or any other Member of a Convention shall cast any vote by proxy; provided, however, that, when not inconsistent with the Rules of the Republican National Committee, any Delegate or Delegates present shall have the right to cast the entire vote of the County in District and State Conventions. Votes for Chairman and Vice-Chairman at District and State Conventions will be by county according to the number of Delegates authorized to attend the state convention, so long as there is one delegate, from that county, on the floor to vote the Delegates authorized.

VII.A.2(d). Ex-officio members of the committees have the same voting rights as the other committee members, but are not counted in determining if a quorum is present. When an ex-officio member of a committee ceases to hold the office that entitles him to such membership, his membership terminates automatically.

VII.A.3. Special Meeting and Conventions (NOT USED)

VII.A.4. Newspaper of General Circulation

Notice published in a newspaper of general circulation in the 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. Such notices shall appear in the newspaper at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Meeting or Convention. 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 the County. In the absence of such agreement by the State Republican Party, the waiver request shall be denied. This in no way relieves the County Chairman of the responsibility of providing written notice to Party officers as may be otherwise required by this Plan of Organization.

VII.A.5. Challenges

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. The successful challenges of individuals in their capacity as Delegates and Alternates 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 and Alternates resulted in the election of other Delegates and Alternates within such Delegation who would not otherwise have been elected, but for the votes of the unqualified Delegates or Alternates.

VII.A.6. General Election Procedure (NOT USED)

VII.A.7. Vacancies and Removals

VII.A.7(a). Any Member of a Committee organized under this Plan may be removed either:

1. By a 2/3's vote of the respective Committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against him, signed by the lesser of (i) 50 Members or (i) one-third of the Members of the respective Committee. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with 2 weeks 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 Party Plans of Organization, or
2. Automatically upon such Member's conviction (as defined below) of a felony after election to such Committee organized under this Plan without the need for any further action immediately effective upon such conviction, and the seat declared vacant. Each Member shall have the affirmative duty to inform the Chairman of such Committee in writing immediately upon his conviction of a felony; provided that the failure of a Member to so notify the Chairman in writing shall not delay, prevent or restrict the expulsion of such Member from such Committee in accordance with this Section.

VII.A.7(b). For the purposes hereof, a "conviction" shall be defined as the conviction of or the entering of a guilty plea, an alford plea, or a plea of no contest to a felony.

VII.A.7(c). For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, "Party Disloyalty" shall be defined as actively supporting 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.

VII.A.7(d). Any Executive Committee Member that has two unexcused absences (excused by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, recorded by the Secretary) in a twelve month period shall be deemed as resigning his position. The twelve month period shall be counted from the month the member joins the Executive Committee. The vacancy shall be filled as provided for by the Plan of Organization. It shall be the Secretary's responsibility to notify the Chairman when a member has two unexcused absences.

VII.A.8. Non-Partisan Candidates and Office Holders

The Onslow County Republican Party shall not offer an opportunity for a candidate for, or current office holder of, a "non-partisan office" who is not a registered Republican to address any Party sponsored function. No Precinct of the Onslow County Republican Party shall offer an opportunity for a candidate for, or current office holder of, a "non-partisan office" who is not a registered Republican to address a Republican Precinct meeting.

VII.B. OFFICIAL RECORDS

Minutes shall be kept by all Committees and Conventions of official actions taken, and a copy shall be filed with the Chairman of the appropriate Committee or Convention and with the County Secretary. These records shall be made available to any registered Republican upon request.

VII.C. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

VII.C.1. Records

The Chairman, Treasurer, and Finance Chairman of the County Committees shall 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 required or requested.

VII.C.2. Loans

No officer, staff, or member of the County Party shall cause the Party to undertake a loan without the prior approval of the County Executive Committee.

VII.C.3. Budgeted Expenses

No County officer or County staff member of the County Party shall exceed approved total budgeted expenditures without approval from the County Executive Committee. However, the Executive Committee shall, on an annual basis, establish a dollar amount that the Executive Board can expend in emergencies without approval of the Executive Committee. These funds are not recurring and if expended must be reauthorized by the Executive Committee.

VII.C.4. Leases

No County officer or County staff member of the Party shall commit the County Party to a lease or contract without the approval of the County Executive Committee.

VII.D. APPOINTMENTS

VII.D.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.

VII.D.2. Filling Vacancies

VII.D.2(a). When a vacancy occurs in a governmental office in Onslow County for which a Party recommendation is called for, such vacancy shall be filled by the County Chairman upon recommendation of the County Executive Committee. The above mentioned recommendation shall be provided by the committee having jurisdiction over the district that is subject of the vacancy.

VII.D.2(b). 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 certified United States Mail to the last known address of the committee member and/or email with return receipt. 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.

VII.D.2(c). 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.

VII.E. FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

VII.E.1. Removal or Resignation from Committees

Any officer or member of a Precinct Committee or County Executive Committee, who for any reason, is removed or resigns from said position, shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected to that position.

VII.E.2. Party Disloyalty

For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, “Party Disloyalty” shall be defined 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, other than by supporting an opposing Republican Candidate in a Republican primary. Charges of Party disloyalty may be brought by resolution to the County Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee may declare a Republican found to have engaged in Party disloyalty as ineligible to serve in any office under the Plan of Organization for a period of time between 6 months and 5 years.

VII.F. ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES (NOT USED)

VII.G. REFRAIN FROM UTILIZING POWERS OF OFFICE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Each Officer and each Member of the County Executive Committee shall refrain from utilizing the powers and dignity of his office or position in any Republican Primary for public office at any level.

VII.H. PARTY OFFICERS AS CANDIDATES

In the event that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Executive Board announces his candidacy for an elective office, or manages a campaign for a candidate, the member shall be deemed as having vacated his office upon filing for election or accepting the position as a campaign manager. Such vacancy shall be filled as provided for by the Plan of Organization.

VII.I. ENDORSEMENTS IN NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS

VII.I.1.

In non-partisan elections The County Executive Committee shall have exclusive authority to endorse registered Republicans running in Districts that are entirely within the county. All members of the County Executive Committee may vote on the non-partisan endorsements for districts wholly encompassed within that county, regardless of whether Committee members live within the District in question.

VII.I.2.

With respect to any endorsement provided for in this section and unless otherwise provided by law, notice to committee members of the time, date, location, and purpose of the meeting at which any such endorsement will be considered must be made by United States Mail 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 time and date less than (5) days after the notice to committee members. Such notice shall also be provided to all registered Republicans who are candidates seeking the office for which the endorsement is made.

VII.J. NOTICE

VII.J.1.

"Written Notice" as used in this plan shall mean notice sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) first class mail.

VII.J.2.

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

VII.J.3.

Individuals entitled to receive written notice under this plan may elect to receive notification by other means in lieu of written notice. This may be requested via written notice to the 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 secretary

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS, APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

VIII.A. AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

The County Executive Committee may amend the County Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing written notice via first class United States mail and/or email with return receipt of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present. The County Party must submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their County Plan of Organization, and amendments thereto, to the NCGOP State Headquarters within thirty (30) days after their adoption, in order for the Plan and/or amendment to be considered valid.

VIII.B. APPLICABILITY (NOT USED)

VIII.C. AUTHORITY

VIII.C.1. Controversies

Controversies in the County with respect to the organizations set up under this Plan shall be referred to the State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and General Counsel for arbitration. Rulings shall be made within sixty (60) days and their decision shall be final.

VIII.C.2. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with this Plan or properly adopted Convention rules.

VIII.C.3. Gender and Number

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

VIII.C.4. No Proxy Voting

No proxy voting shall be allowed at any meeting or convention held pursuant to this Plan.

VIII.D. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately following its adoption at the Onslow County Republican Party Convention on March 4, 2017. This however shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules prior to that date.

Kevin Buffell
Chairman

Lee Barrows
Secretary