

**PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA THIRD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT**

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Republican Party of the NC Third Congressional District 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 Republican Party of the Third Congressional District of North Carolina. Third Congressional District, Congressional District, or derivatives of such title shall have one and the same meaning in this Plan of Organization.

**ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP**

All citizens of the Third Congressional District of North Carolina who are registered Republican are members of the Republican Party of the Third Congressional District 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 within the Third Congressional District of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE II
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

A. CONVENTIONS

1. CALL OF CONVENTION

- a. A Congressional District Convention shall be called in every year by the Chairman of the Congressional District Committee, within the month of April, upon twenty (20) days written notice of the time and place of holding same to all members of the District Committee and to the County Chairmen within said district.
- b. At the time of the call of the Convention the District Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee, 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. 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. The Delegates and Alternates elected in the County Conventions, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as Delegates and Alternates in the Congressional District Convention.
- c. In years requiring reapportionment, the District Convention shall be called within dates designated by the Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee. These Conventions held after the General Assembly has completed Congressional redistricting.

2. CONVENTION ACTION

a. Each year, the Congressional District Convention shall adopt a District Plan of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at State Headquarters. If the District convention fails to adopt a written District Plan of Organization, the previously adopted District Plan of Organization shall remain in effect, to the extent not inconsistent with the State Plan of Organization. If a District has never adopted a District Plan of Organization and fails to adopt a written District Plan of Organization at a District convention, the State Plan of Organization shall control.

b. In every odd-numbered year the Congressional District Convention shall elect a Chairman, a First, Second and Third Vice Chairmen, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

c. In every odd-numbered year the 3rd Congressional District Convention shall further elect one (1) Member of the State Executive Committee, plus one (1) additional Member for every 8,000 Republicans, or major fraction thereof, registered within the District, as of January 1 of that year. Apportionment and election of these additional at-large members shall be based on the total Republican registration of all precincts in each county in the 3rd Congressional District.

d. In every Presidential Election Year the Congressional District Convention shall elect three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternates to the Republican National Convention and shall nominate one (1) Presidential Elector, who must not be a current elected public official (pursuant to state law).

3. CREDENTIALS

a. The Chairman and Secretary of the Congressional District shall certify election of Officers and at-large Members of the State Executive Committee elected according to the provisions of Article V, Section A.2.c. of the State Plan of Organization. Completed District Credentials, plus completed Credentials for the Counties within the District, shall be in the hands of the State Credentials Committee Chairman by the deadline set by the State Chairman.

b. The Chairman and Secretary of the Congressional District shall certify election of Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention, in addition to the nominee for Presidential Elector, on forms furnished by the State Central Committee.

ARTICLE III CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Congressional District Executive Committee shall be composed of:

a. The Officers elected at the District Convention.

b. All duly elected County Chairmen and First Vice Chairmen shall be members of each District Executive Committee in which even a portion of their county lies, regardless of whether they, themselves, live in that District.

- c. The District Finance Chairman.
- d. All Members of the State Executive Committee who are elected by the District Convention under the provisions of Article V, section A.2.c. of the State Plan of Organization.
- e. The incumbent President of any duly organized and chartered chapter of the North Carolina Young Republicans, Republican Men's Federation, or Republican Women's Federation shall be an "Ex-officio", non-voting member.
- f. Any incumbent Federal or State legislators residing within the District shall be Ex-Officio, who shall not affect quorum.
- g. The Third Congressional District Executive Committee may elect to its membership one at-large member from each of the counties within the District. Such election shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee at its first regular meeting after a District Convention. Members so elected shall serve until the next odd numbered year Convention or in the event of a vacancy, until their successors are chosen.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall set the location of District Conventions; encourage qualified candidates for Congress; cooperate with the Judicial, Senatorial, and Legislative Executive Committees in encouraging qualified candidates for those offices, especially in multi-County Districts; approve a Finance Chairman; and cooperate with the County and State Executive Committees in all campaigns.

3. MEETINGS

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall meet at least each calendar quarter of the year, upon call of the Congressional District Chairman after giving ten (10) days notice to all members by mail. One quarter of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. The Congressional District Chairman, with the advice and consent of the District Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the District. The District Chairman shall assist the State Chairman in carrying out State Programs; maintain contact with all Counties within his District; and shall be responsible for the proper organization and functioning of those Counties. The District Chairman shall maintain constant liaison with all County Chairmen with regard to a Republican organization in every precinct within his District and with legislative, senatorial and judicial district chairmen with regards to candidate recruitment. In addition, he shall furnish, upon request, each County Chairman and each County Executive Committee Officer an accurate and up-to-date list of all County Executive Committee officers within the District, to include: title, name, address, zip code, phone number and email address. These lists shall be updated periodically to ensure that the latest information is provided to those to whom it is required to be provided. The District Chairman shall appoint a Finance Chairman and Audit Chairman. The District Chairman shall be an "Ex-officio", non-voting member of all District Committees. He shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Executive Committee.
- b. The 1st Vice Chairman shall be the chief assistant to the District Chairman. He shall act as the District Chairman in the absence of the District Chairman. The 1st Vice Chairman shall

maintain liaison with the County Vice Chairman throughout the District ("where applicable"). He may assign certain Counties to the 2nd Vice Chairman to ensure a coordinated liaison program. The 1st Vice Chairman shall have such other duties as directed by the District Executive Committee. The 1st Vice Chairman shall be an "Ex-officio", non-voting member of all District Committees unless otherwise designated.

c. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall be the chief assistant to the 1st Vice Chairman. In the absence of the 1st Vice Chairman he shall act as the 1st Vice Chairman. If the District Chairman and the 1st Vice Chairman are absent he shall act as the District Chairman. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall maintain liaison with County Vice Chairman throughout the District as directed by the 1st Vice Chairman. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall have such other duties as directed by the District Executive Committee. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall be an "Ex-officio", non-voting member of all District Committees unless otherwise designated.

d. The 3rd Vice Chairman shall be the Political officer. Responsibilities shall include informing the District of legislative and pertinent political issues and be available to work with candidates in this regard. The 3rd Vice Chairman will perform other duties as assigned by the District Executive Committee.

e. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a roster of all officers of the Counties within the District.

f. The Assistant Secretary shall keep minutes and records in the absence of the Secretary and will perform other secretarial duties as assigned by the District Executive Committee.

g. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds for party expenditures pursuant to authority duly given by the District Committee and will make a financial report at all District Executive Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall file all financial reports and obligations required under state and federal election laws, and shall further provide the District Chairman copies of all such reports and obligations. The Treasurer shall also provide all Officers of the Executive Committee, copies of any communications from the State Board of Elections. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Assistant Treasurer is provided with up to date accurate timely financial information so that he can maintain the Districts back-up financial records.

h. The Assistant Treasurer is the chief assistant to the Treasurer and as such shall be responsible for maintaining the Districts 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.

5. VACANCIES AND REMOVALS

a. In case of death, resignation, removal, discontinuance of residency within the District, or other vacancy, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee at the next officially called District meeting.

b. Any officer of the Congressional District Executive Committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Congressional District Executive Committee after being notified of the charges against him signed by not less than one-third of the members of the Committee. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with two (2) weeks notice of said charges and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Removal shall be confined to gross inefficiency, Party disloyalty, or failure to act in compliance with the District or State Plans of Organization, Such removal may be appealed, within twenty (20) days of execution,

to the State Central Committee, and their decision shall be final.

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.

d. Non-Partisan Candidates and Office Holders - No county or Congressional District Committee 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 Convention or other function sponsored by the Republican Party or any of its subdivisions.

e.. Any At-Large Member that has three (3) unexcused absences shall be contacted by the Chairman and asked to participate or resign his position.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The District Finance Chairman shall serve as Chairman of the Congressional District Finance Committee, which shall be composed of the Finance Chairmen of all of the Counties within the District, the Congressional District Chairman, and the Congressional District Treasurer, plus three (3) additional members to be elected by the members of the Finance Committee. Other officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected by and from the members of the Committee. This Committee shall cooperate with the State Finance Committee and with County Finance Committees in all fund-raising efforts.

ARTICLE V GENERAL PROCEDURE

A. ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

The Congressional District Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman, or in the absence of the Chairman, by the 1st Vice Chairman, the 2nd Vice Chairman or the 3rd Vice Chairman, in order stated, who shall have the power to appoint the necessary Convention Committees and temporary officers at or before the convening of the Convention.

B. VOTING PROCEDURE

No proxy voting shall be allowed at any meeting or convention held pursuant to this plan. No delegate, alternate, or any other member of a Convention shall cast a vote by proxy, provided, however, that any Delegate or Delegates present shall have the right to cast the entire vote of the County in District Conventions with the exception of those votes in Presidential Election Years to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention and to nominate a Presidential Elector, when, in accordance to the Rules of the Republican National Committee, only the votes of those Delegates present on the floor at the time of the vote shall be counted. No person shall be seated as a Delegate at any District Convention unless such person shall have been duly elected a Delegate or Alternate by the appropriate County Convention and is a resident of the Congressional District.

C. CHALLENGES

- a. The seating of any Delegate or Alternate to a 3rd District Convention may be challenged on the basis of residency, or improper registration.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan of Organization, challenges to Delegates and Alternates must be made in their capacity as individual Delegates. 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 county delegation unless it can be demonstrated by a preponderance of evidence that the previous election of such successfully challenged Delegates or Alternates resulted in the election of other Delegates or Alternates within such delegation who would not otherwise have been elected, but for the votes of the unqualified Delegates or Alternates.

ARTICLE VI MINUTES OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS

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 a copy provided to the State Republican Headquarters, on request.

ARTICLE VII FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

The Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Finance Chairman of the District 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 requested.

ARTICLE VIII FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

Any Officer or Member of a District Committee who, for any reason, is removed or resigns from said position shall forfeit all rights and privileges in any way connected with that position.

ARTICLE IX STANDING RULES

The District, from time to time, will adopt continuing policies of such importance that they will be designated as Standing Rules. Such rules shall become addendums to this Plan of Organization and be listed in this paragraph in numerical order.

Standing Rule #1: The Jan Grube Volunteer of the Year Award.

ARTICLE X APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PLAN

A. ADDITIONAL RULES

The District Committees and Conventions are authorized to promulgate such additional rules and establish such additional Party Officers or Committees for their respective organizations,

not inconsistent with these rules and the North Carolina Republican Party State Plan of Organization, as shall be deemed necessary.

B. CONTROVERSIES

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

C. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with this District Plan of Organization or Rules properly adopted.

D. CONFLICT

In any conflict of this Plan of Organization with the North Carolina Republican Party State Plan of Organization, the State Plan shall take precedence.

E. CHANGES Only the members, assembled in Convention, except as follows, may change this Plan of Organization:

The District Executive Committee, upon written submission of a proposed change, with thirty (30) days notice, may, upon a two-thirds vote, effect minor changes in order to: (1) maintain consistency with the State Plan of Organization; (2) reflect reapportionment or other such changes in organization resulting from governmental direction; or (3) make corrections to typographical or grammatical errors or clarify an already included statement. Members shall be advised in advance regarding the substance of the proposed amendments, and a quorum must be present at such meeting.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately upon adoption.

For purposes of this plan, "he" shall be considered in its gender-neutral connotation.

The Third Congressional District adopted this plan on August 7, 2010 in Goldsboro, NC

Signature on File

Bobby R. Pruett

District Chairman

Committee Members

April 17, 2010

Hope Van Dorp, Chairman

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