

Proposals to the NCGOP Plan of Organization

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Proposed Amendment to the NCGOP Plan of Organization

This section does not currently exist in our State Plan. We are proposing this plan to protect the integrity of our party in perpetuity.

I suggest this be inserted under Article I Membership

this would add a new section "B" that doesn't currently exist.

B. Minimum Qualifications for Any Leadership Position

Party Chair, Party Officer, Committee Chair, Committee Member, Minimum Qualifications:

To serve in the capacity of elected/appointed officer at any state, district, county party, precinct, or committee level, the individual must meet the following minimum qualifications/standards.

1. A. Education - High School Equivalency / High School Diploma.
2. Any person having been convicted of any felony will not be qualified to serve in any capacity at the state, district, county, or precinct level, or on any party committee, in any capacity, unless and until, all rights have been completely restored.
3. Any person having been convicted of any felony, or misdemeanor crime of moral turpitude, including but not limited to any offense against a minor person, will not be qualified to serve in any capacity at the state, district, county, or precinct level, or on any party committee in any capacity at any level. There is no time limit to this provision.
4. Any person having served any prison term for any crime of moral turpitude, or any offense against any minor person, will not be qualified to serve in any capacity at the state, district, county, or precinct level, or on any party committee in any capacity at any level. There is no time limit to this provision

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Article III. County Organization
Section Six which currently does not exist

6. TRANSITION

1. All email and property must be turned over to successors within 24 hours of election. Current physical property list will be turned over to Chairman and Vice- Chairman on election night.
2. Webmaster or responsible party officer will send email invitations to successor officers and/or executive committee members within 24 hours of election. Webmaster or responsible party officer will turn over all pertinent logins and passwords to successor and/or incoming Chairman and Vice-Chairman for continuity of succession.
3. Treasurer will turn over District/County Party Computer to successor on election night and assist with updating computer login. At earliest convenience, the former Treasurer, and if necessary, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will meet with his successor to ensure a smooth, and orderly transition of all banking information, bank passwords, update signature cards, finances, and financial documents not later than April 15th following the March County Convention Elections, and May 1st following the District Convention Elections.
4. In the event that this succession plan is not followed, the individuals that are in violation are no longer eligible to participate in any District or County Republican Party in any capacity for a period of 4 years. It will be the policy of the District/County Republican Party to file a complaint with the Congressional district or state party as well as local law enforcement if all transition items, documents, email lists or anything else mentioned or not mentioned in this plan of organization is not strictly adhered to.
5. Upon completion of two consecutive years of non-participation, individuals are eligible to apply for reinstatement via a hearing of the appropriate executive committee.

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Article III.A.5.b--delete second sentence. What's to be accomplished by appeal? Substitute: The county plan of organization may establish appeal procedures for removals.

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Article II.D.3. Delete last two sentences. Substitute: The county plan of organization may establish appeal procedures for removals.

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Article II.C. (second paragraph): Delete last sentence. Add: A county plan of organization may provide for the sharing of its delegate list with any Republican candidate, on such terms as the plan may provide.

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Article IX.A.6.a.i.: Delete second sentence through c.: Add: Removal by a vote of the respective committee shall be confined to

--gross inefficiency in performance of duties, defined as a pattern of behavior showing inability or unwillingness to perform or complete assigned duties and responsibilities to a satisfactory standard as determined by the supervisor of the officer or member (in the case of the committee's chair, by its executive committee); party disloyalty, defined as actively supporting a candidate of another party, or an unaffiliated candidate running in opposition to a Republican Party nominee in any partisan election; or in non-partisan elections, any candidate in opposition to a Republican candidate endorsed by Wake GOP, a congressional committee, or the State Executive Committee, or Legislative Caucus;

--failure to comply with the county organizational plan or the State Plan of Organization;

--conduct bringing discredit to the State Republican Party, defined as a member or officer's conviction, as defined below, of a felony, or any crime involving moral turpitude, after election to a position established under this plan, without the need for further action, immediately upon such conviction, and the position declared vacant. Any member or officer so convicted shall have the affirmative duty to so notify the Chair of the State party of such conviction, provided that the failure to so notify the chair in writing shall not delay, prevent, or restrict the removal of such member or officer from that person's position in accordance with this section. For purposes of this section, a conviction shall be defined as the conviction of, or the entering of a guilty plea, or an Alford plea, or a no-contest plea, to a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude.

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Art IX G: Party Officers as Candidates

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Art IX A 2 Voting procedures and weighted voting

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Art VI A 3: Calling a Special Emergency Central Committee Meeting

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Art IX J Virtual and Electronic Meetings / Proxy Voting

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Art III A 3 and 3a: Quarterly Exec Com Meetings

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Art VII B 2 b ii: District Exec Committee at large membership

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Art V C REdistricting and Reaportionment

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Art VI A 5: Personel Committee

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Update Definitions section

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Define Republican in Good standing

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Growth of State Exec Committee

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Closed Session Process exclusive to Atty Client and HR related issues

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Application of NDA for Central Comm Members

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Tighten PARTY Disloyalty / Discipline process and definition

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Officers Supporting Primary Candidates

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Rouge County

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EC / CC size and scope

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NOn-Federated Clubs

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EC Agendas / Process

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Censure process and where is authority

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Officer promotion automatic until next stated exec com meeting

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Consistent Def of Written Notice / Notice / Public Notice

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Some items need reorganizing. For example redistricting portions are in different sections and need to be consolidated to one single section.

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There may be conflict in language between arbitration committee and role of POO committee. We should review.

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Amendment >> Article I – Membership >> Current approved text: >> Article I – MEMBERSHIP >>

A. MEMBERS

All citizens of North Carolina who are registered Republicans are Members of the Republican Party of North Carolina 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 Party Office within the North Carolina Republican Party, at any level, shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office. A candidate running for any level of Republican Party office shall be a registered Republican resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office.

Proposed amended text: Article I – Membership >> Current approved text: >> Article I – MEMBERSHIP >>

A. MEMBERS

All citizens of North Carolina who are registered Republicans, for at least a year, are Bonafide Members of the Republican Party of North Carolina 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 Party Office within the North Carolina Republican Party, at any level, shall be a resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office. A candidate running for any level of Republican Party office shall be a registered Republican resident of the jurisdiction in which he seeks office.

i. Membership time requirements for the North Carolina Republican Party in no way infringes upon any citizen's right to file to be a public elected official.

It does allow the party to protect and govern itself from those who may wish to cause conflict or nefarious activities against the NCGOP and its subordinates. This membership requirement allows the North Carolina Republican party to conserve resources for bonafide Republicans, but not limited to elements such as time, finance, materials, expertise, and endorsement.

ii. Any individual seeking to become a bonafide member of the North Carolina Republican Party, who has a registration date that does not fall within the one-year timeframe, may request redress from the lowest level party entity starting at the county party level.

Explanation of proposed amendment:

This will allow the NC GOP the ability to govern itself against those they may wish to do harm or perform nefarious acts against her. It is not meant to be a roadblock for any individual to seek office but a speed bump to allow time for the NC GOP to evaluate a situation.

Justification for proposed amendment:

NC GOP needs to take action headed into any given election season to protect itself from harm such as past efforts that have occurred. As an example, Chris Anglin announcing his run for the NC Supreme Court to hurt Barbara Jackson's chances to win the election handing the Justice spot to a Democrat.

Further, Tennessee GOP has provisions that require leadership to have voted in the last three Republican primaries in order to be a bonafide Republican. There is precedence amongst other statewide GOP whereas they protect themselves.

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Amendment >> Article VI.A.1.c Membership >> Current approved text:

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION >> A. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE >> 1. Membership.

c. The Chairman of the Young Republican Federation, the President of the Republican Women's Federation, the Chairman of the Republican Men's Federation, the Chairman of the North Carolina Republican District & County Chairmen's Association, the Chairman of the North Carolina College Republicans, the Chairman of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans, and the Chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly North Carolina Chapter, and the President of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina shall be voting Members. The vote of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans shall be cast by the North Carolina Teenage Republican Advisor, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party each year following the annual Convention of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans, who shall yearly nominate an Advisor. The Chairman of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans shall forward the name of their nominated advisor to the Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party within ten (10) days following their annual Convention. The nominated advisor for the North Carolina Teenage Republicans shall be a registered voter in the State of North Carolina. The vote cast by the Advisor to the ARTICLE VI - STATE ORGANIZATION 14 North Carolina Teenage Republicans shall be as instructed by the Chairman of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans

Proposed amended text:

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION >> A. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE >> 1. Membership.

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Explanation of proposed amendment:

Removal of the North Carolina Republican District & County Chairmen's Association from the central committee.

Justification for proposed amendment:

For the past four years, this organization has fecklessly operated as a statewide organization tasked with training chairman and vice-chairman. The training has been completed statewide by elements of the NCGOP in the training vacuum created by the lack of consistent presence of the DCCA.

With possible oversight by the NC GOP Vice-Chair, training should be accomplished through already established offices within the NCGOP, such as communication, digital communications, and public relations.

There is no external governing body oversight of the DCCA.

Further, during an arbitration hearing, the DCCA Chairman submitted a motion whereas it states the following:

"1. This matter involves a claim by Complainant regarding actions taken during the 2021 Convention of the District and County Chairman's Association ("DCCA"), an entity recognized by the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization for purposes of membership on the NCGOP Central and Executive Committees, but not otherwise subject to oversight and governance by the State Party organization."

"2. As an organization independent of the State Party for purposes of governance, the DCCA is governed by a plan of organization which is reviewed and voted upon at the DCCA Convention each year."

"9. In fact, the DCCA is not set up under the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization. Nor is this a controversy involving a County or District."

In submitting this motion to the arbitration committee, the DCCA has self-identified as a separate organization and has self-identified as such, not having any jurisdiction within the NCGOP. The motion clearly shows a declaration of severance between the DCCA and the NCGOP and a complete unwillingness to participate in NCGOP oversight and governance.

Lastly, the DCCA has clearly stated that it will not, as a body, be governed or fall subject to any oversight or governance by the NCGOP. It can not be allowed to continue to be a member of the NCGOP Central Committee or the Executive Committee.

Proposed added text:

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION >> A. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE >> 1. Membership >> c.

vi. In order to be an affiliate group on the NC GOP central committee or executive committee, the affiliate group must have an avenue of recourse and redress to allow for governance, oversight, and grievances to be administered by the NCGOP. This may be done by the affiliate group belonging to and adhering to a recognized, national-level organization. If no third party, recognized, national-level body exists, the affiliate group must conform to the NCGOP Plan of Organization with subsequent oversight rendered by the NCGOP. The NCGOP must be able to protect and govern itself as a body. The NC GOP central committee may remove or suspend any affiliate group the central committee deems when the affiliate group is not acting within the confines of its own governing documents, local, national, or otherwise, and in conflict with the NC GOP plan of organization, rules, platforms, and principles. Membership on the NCGOP central committee and executive committee is entirely voluntary. The affiliate group's membership on the central committee and executive committee is to enhance the mission of the NC GOP, not the affiliate organization; when that enhancement is in doubt, the NC GOP must act accordingly.

vii. All affiliate groups on the central committee must have on file with the NCGOP Secretary a current copy of their Plans of Organizations, By-Laws, or other governing documents. Any changes to said documents require the NCGOP Secretary to be notified within ten days. Additionally, points of contact for the affiliate organization and, if connected, the national level organization's information must be kept on file with the NCGOP Secretary. It is highly encouraged to submit any other documents and information that could increase operational synergy with the affiliate group and NCGOP.

Explanation of proposed amendment:

It was determined at the central committee meeting on 05/22/2021 that the NCGOP may have issues with affiliation groups.

Justification for proposed amendment:

This proposal will strengthen the bond between the affiliates and the NC GOP. It will provide a better understanding of the affiliate groups by the NC GOP of their published missions and methods of

governance. More importantly, it provides the NC GOP the ability to provide oversight and governance over itself in the eyes of the public and members in relation to the affiliate groups.

Proposal 3: Enter Proposed Change Below; Include Article, Section, and Paragraph Number

Amendment >> Article VI.A.1.c Membership >> Current approved text:

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION >> B. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE >> 1. Membership >> 4. Duties of Officers >> b.

The Vice Chairman shall be chief assistant to the Chairman and shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall maintain close liaison with the District and County Vice-Chairman and encourage and direct activities in the Party structure. The Vice-Chairman shall work with the National Committeewoman and National Committeeman and provide them with information and assistance on state matters. The Vice-Chairman shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Executive and Central Committees.

Proposed amended text:

Article VI – STATE ORGANIZATION >> B. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE >> 1. Membership >> 4. Duties of Officers >> b.

The Vice Chairman shall be chief assistant to the Chairman and shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall maintain close liaison with the District and County Vice-Chairman and encourage and direct activities in the Party structure. The Vice-Chairman shall work with the National Committeewoman and National Committeeman and provide them with information and assistance on state matters. The Vice-Chairman shall ensure training is accomplished at the District, County, and Precinct levels. The Vice-Chairman shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the State Executive and Central Committees.

Explanation of proposed amendment:

Charges the NC GOP Vice-Chairman with ensuring that training is accomplished at all levels of the Republican Party from the District through the County and ultimately in the Precincts.

Justification for proposed amendment:

For the past four years, the state-level training organization tasked with training chairman and vice-chairman has not fulfilled its mission. Training has already been completed statewide by elements of the NCGOP in the training vacuum created by the lack of consistent presence of the DCCA.

With oversight by the NC GOP Vice-Chair, training should be accomplished through already established offices within the NCGOP, such as communication, digital communications, and public relations. If needed, the Vice-Chairman may establish a training committee.

There is no external governing body oversight of the DCCA; this amendment places control of NC GOP training back with the leadership of the NC GOP.

Proposal 4: Enter Proposed Change Below; Include Article, Section, and Paragraph Number

Amendment >> Current approved text: Article IX – GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE >>

E. FORFEITURE OF OFFICIAL PRIVILEGES

1. Removal or Resignation from Committees Any current or former Officer or Member of a Precinct Committee, County Executive Committee, District Committee, State Executive Committee or State Central Committee 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 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 the State Plan of Organization at the State, District, and Precinct level for Party disloyalty by 2/3 vote of the State Executive Committee. Charges of Party disloyalty may be brought by petition of 50 members of the State Executive Committee, or by resolution of a County or District Republican 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.

Proposed amended text:

Article IX – GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE >>

E. PARTY DISCIPLINE

1. The NCGOP respects the rule of law and recognizes the need for good order and discipline among its members. The Party also cherishes individual liberties and will seek to preserve those liberties to the extent they do not infringe on the rights and privileges of a Party organization, to the extent they do not violate approved NCGOP Policies or Rules, and to the extent, they do not willfully undermine approved Party Platforms, diminishing the stature and reputation of the Party and its values.
 - a. When a Republican party officer or publicly elected Republican official is reported to be in violation of the Party's approved Plan of Organization, Rules, or Platform, that officer or official may be subject to party discipline.
 - b. Further, when a Republican party member is reported to be in violation of the Party's approved Plan of Organization, Rules or Platform, that member may be subject to party discipline.
 - c. It is paramount that while the party does not infringe upon an individual's rights as a registered voter to the Republican Party, the party itself must be allowed to take steps to protect and govern itself as an organization.
2. The administration of party discipline in the NCGOP will be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR-NR) where not inconsistent with the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP) Plan of Organization, Policies, Rules and Platforms.
3. Disciplinary procedures will always originate and be disposed of at the lowest practical level within the North Carolina Republican Party hierarchy- Precinct, county, district, or state level as appropriate.
4. Party Disloyalty.
 - a. Party Disloyalty is defined as: An act of any registered Republican attempting to influence or found

to have influenced the outcome of any election against a bona-fide Republican candidate for public office or a Republican endorsed by the appropriate Republican Executive Committee, other than support for an opposing Republican Candidate in a Republican primary. The scope of this definition includes the action of any Republican inappropriately influencing the internal election of officials on public councils, boards, and commissions to favor a non-Republican candidate running against a qualified Republican candidate or to gain favor over another Republican candidate. These jurisdictions include and are not limited to, the local school board, board of county commissioners, city council, town commission, and their subordinate organizations. The scope of this definition also includes the willful invitation of non-Republican political officials or non-Republican candidates for political office to official Republican Party gatherings for purposes of addressing the body in an official or unofficial capacity. The scope of this definition also includes the placing of non-Republican members or non-bona-fide Republican members in positions of authority on commissions, councils, subordinate organizations to include elected member's campaign committees (registered, unregistered, threshold or non-threshold) by bona-fide Republican party members, party leaders, candidates, and elected officials.

b. Party Disloyalty at Precinct or County Level

A report of party disloyalty will be brought to the county chairman for review of the facts, dissemination of the report, and scheduling a disciplinary hearing, as appropriate. Any Republican party member who is found by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Executive Committee to have committed party disloyalty may be declared ineligible to serve in a Republican Party office under the County Plan of Organization for a period of up to five (5) years. The committee may also impose the penalties of temporary suspension, censure, cessation of support, or barring from party premises for a period of up to five (5) years, as appropriate. These committees may also pass a resolution requesting state-level action for Party Disloyalty under the provisions of the State Plan of Organization.

c. Party Disloyalty at State Level.

For disciplinary action at the state-level, charges of Party disloyalty may be brought by petition of fifty (50) members of the State Executive Committee, or by resolution of a County or District Republican Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee may declare a Republican found to have engaged in Party disloyalty as ineligible to serve in any party office under the Plan of Organization for a period of time of up to five (5) years. The committee may also impose the lesser penalties including, but not limited to, temporary suspension or censure, as appropriate.

5. Dereliction of Duty.

a. Republican Party Precinct, County, District, and State Officials.

(1) Dereliction of Duty by a Republican Party Official is defined as the willful and repetitive failure to perform one's duties in appointed or elected Party office, as defined under the County, District and State Plans of Organization. State, District, County, and Precinct Organization of this Plan of Organization outline the duties and responsibilities for party officials in the NCGOP and its subdivisions. These duties and responsibilities are assigned for operational expediency in the NCGOP so the organization may continue to grow and be successful in pursuit of its mission, purpose, goals, and objectives. Party members who seek and accept responsibility for these positions should recognize the importance of fulfilling their assigned tasks. Failure to perform their duties diminishes the overall effectiveness of the Party and may result in loss of representation among our county, state, and federal-level elected positions. Willful and repetitive failure to perform one's duties as assigned in this Plan of Organization or to adhere to the values in any published party rules or platforms, is justification for removal from their appointed or elected Party position. As stated earlier, it is paramount that the Republican party protect and govern itself as an organization.

(2) A report of Dereliction of Duty may be made against any appointed or elected Party official by any member of the NCGOP. Upon receiving the report, the County Chairman will gather evidence and bring the charges before the County Executive Board for review and consideration. If found to have merit, the

charges will be preferred to the County Executive Committee for disposition. The accused official will be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of a hearing before the Executive Committee and afforded the opportunity to provide a defense. The accused may be removed from office or position for the duration of his term upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also impose the penalties of temporary suspension, verbal admonishment, and censure, as appropriate. If an individual is removed from any position that person is barred from holding any position within the party for a term no less than five (5) years.

b. Publicly Elected Republican Officials.

(1) Dereliction of Duty by publicly elected officials is defined as the willful and repetitive violation of one's oath of office, the willful and repetitive violation of the state or federal constitution, or the willful and repetitive violation of the spirit and intent of the North Carolina Republican Party Platform or Plan of Organization. The Party well recognizes the latitude needed for publicly elected officials to represent all constituents; however, elected Republican officials must also be accountable to preserve and defend the principles and values of the Republican Party, which includes adherence to the Republican National Committee's (RNC) quadrennial platform, and adherence to the North Carolina Republican Party's (NCGOP) Plan of Organization, Policies, Rules and Platforms, as adopted at each NCGOP annual convention.

(2) A report of Dereliction of Duty may be made against any publicly elected Republican official by any member of the NCGOP. Upon receiving the report, the County Chairman will gather evidence and bring the charges before the County Executive Board for review and consideration. If found to have merit, the charges will be preferred to the County Executive Committee for disposition. The accused official (or an appropriate staff representative) will be given at least thirty (30) days' notice of a hearing before the Executive Committee and afforded the opportunity to provide a defense. If found guilty of Dereliction of Duty by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, the accused public official may be subject to NCGOP censure, cessation of campaign support, and a bar from Republican premises and official events for a period of up to six (6) years.

6. Misconduct and Other Infractions Reflecting Discredit on the NCGOP

a. Felony Conviction.

If a Republican party member is convicted of a felony after election to a committee or Leadership position organized under this Plan, that member's seat is immediately declared vacant without the need for any further action. Each member shall have the affirmative duty to inform the State, district, or County Chairman in writing immediately upon their 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 or Leadership position in accordance with this Section.

b. 'Felony Conviction' Defined

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.

c. Other Personal Misconduct

If a member is reported to have committed a misdemeanor infraction, ethical breach, or other personal misconduct that seriously impairs that member's ability to serve effectively, or that discredits the integrity and dignity of the NCGOP and subordinate organizations, the report will be provided to the County Chairman to gather evidence. The County Chairman will bring the charges before the County Executive Board for consideration. If found to have merit, the charges will be preferred to the County Executive Committee for disposition. The accused official will be given at least fourteen (14) days' notices of a hearing before the Executive Committee and afforded the opportunity to resign voluntarily or to provide a defense. The accused may be removed from office for the duration of his term upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also impose the penalties of verbal admonishment, written censure, or temporary suspension, as appropriate.

7. Forfeiture of Rights and Privileges

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

8. Restoration of Rights and Privileges

Once a member has completed all penalties assigned through party discipline, all rights, and privileges as a NCGOP member will be restored and the member will be eligible to serve once again as an officer on precinct or county-level committees. Felony conviction of a member constitutes a permanent prohibition of that member serving in any party elected position to include but not limited to state, district, county, precinct level official, or Presidential Elector in the NCGOP. Subsequent political pardon or commutation of a member's felony conviction or sentence shall not serve as justification for restoration of that member's service as an officer in state, district, county, or precinct's executive board or executive committee position.

9. The intent of discipline is to address actions. The intent of this section, "Party Discipline" is to place governing power in the hands of the executive committees that oversee and regulate the action in question for cause of discipline. The party must be allowed to govern and effectively implement and enforce its plans of organizations, policies, rules, and platforms as to protect and govern itself as an organization and the utilization of the NCGOP's resources.

Explanation of proposed amendment:

This amendment will add details to areas of the Plan of Organization in regard to cases of discipline in multiple areas.

Justification for proposed amendment:

This amendment will give the NCGOP the ability to govern itself as well as lower-level entities to manage their discipline concerns as well

Proposal 5: Enter Proposed Change Below; Include Article, Section, and Paragraph Number

THIS WAS PASSED BY THE HARNETT COUNTY EXEC COMMITTEE.

Purpose:

HCGOP's objective is to provide the people of Harnett County maximum contact and facetime with Republican elected officials and candidates running for office via our website, social media, newsletters, and county meetings for the purpose of allowing our them a venue to reach the voting populace of the County.

This document is to outline the Code of Conduct expected of each participant who uses our party platform to campaign. The intent is to allow each official and candidate the ability to run their race as clean as possible while still maintaining their passion for issues.

Why should Elected Officials and Candidates Care about HCGOP's Code of Conduct?

HCGOP has seen a significant increase in active members and volunteers through our website and attendance at county meetings. Additionally, HCGOP has increased its technological capabilities so that meetings can be hosted on Zoom which allows for an even larger audience than ever before. With our increased reach to the people of the county, participating in these meetings will mean FREE campaigning in front of a large audience.

Especially during primaries, this is a great way to get your message out to a large audience and save cost!

Listing of HCGOP Capabilities and Benefits for a Candidate:

- Access to the Republicans of Harnett County (useful for finding volunteers for your campaign, addressing the people, etc.)
- Ability to increase audience size by broadcasting meetings/speeches via Zoom
- Ability to link your campaign website on harnett.nc.gop
- Initial announcement of all Republican candidates via our email contacts
- Access to detailed voter data that can be analyzed down to a neighborhood level
- Campaign planning
- Access to HCGOP potential volunteers
- Access to your campaign at all HCGOP events

Code of Conduct:

In order for a Republican candidate or official to use the vast resources that HCGOP is able to provide, the following Code of Conduct must be followed. This Code is not designed to hinder candidates and officials, but rather to provide clear boundaries and expectations that ensure their access to the Party's capabilities.

1. All campaigns must have made a donation to the Party within the past twelve months. We believe in capitalism, which means you must pay to play.
2. When desiring to address the County, you must submit your request through the Precinct leadership in which you are registered to vote. Contact information is available on our website under the "About" tab.
3. When campaigning, debating, and addressing groups, each candidate is expected to discuss the ISSUES without attacking fellow Republican candidates.
 - Please keep in mind the 11th Commandment expanded by former President, Ronald Reagan, "Thou shalt not speak ill of any fellow Republican."
 - This does not mean that candidates cannot inform voters about their primary opponent's voting record or position to juxtapose against their own, but that they shall do so in a manner that is respectful and with integrity.
 - This rule only applies within the Party and not when going against other Parties' candidates.

Restriction of Access to HCGOP Capabilities:

(Note: These actions are not the same as censorship, which would require an egregious error by an individual. The restrictions will be used more like a yellow flag in a football game and should be intended to "bump" a candidate back within the party lines.)

- Failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in a candidate's restriction or disqualification from using the HCGOP resources.
- In the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct, the Executive Committee will meet to review the case and will cast a vote as to the individuals continued access to the party.
- Restriction of access may be complete OR partial access to party resources and will be at the discretion of the County Executive Committee.
- No person shall have their access restricted without a written explanation of the issue that caused the restriction AND a manner through which the person can rectify the issue.

Restoration of Access if Restricted:

Based on the original decision on restriction, if the issue has been satisfactorily rectified, access will be restored.

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