

South Carolina Republican Party
Second Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Prosperity, South Carolina, June 8, 2013

On Saturday, June 8, 2013 the SCGOP Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10:13am by SCGOP Chairman Chad Connelly at the Prosperity Town Hall in Prosperity, SC.

The invocation was given by Mr. Max Kaster, the Executive Committeeman from Calhoun, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sandra Stroman, Executive Committeeman from Chester County. The Republican Creed was led by Mr. Byrd Smith, the Chairman from Charleston County.

Roll Call

Secretary DeLinda Ridings reported that the body had achieved quorum, with 39 counties present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Kevin Thomas of Fairfield and seconded by by Mr. Phillip Bowers of Pickens the agenda was approved without objection. On a motion by Mrs. Sandy McGarry of Lexington and a second by Mrs. Charm Altman of Charleston, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

National Committeewoman's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, who encouraged the committee to work together in prepration for 2014.

National Committeeman's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman who spoke of upcoming opportunities with the RNC.

Election of Treasurer

Chairman Connelly informed the committee that he had asked Mr. Dan Herren, the former Treasurer and former Executive Committeeman from Greenville County, to step aside to simplify the compliance and budgeting process. Mr. Randy Page, 2nd Congressional District, moved that the committee elect Sharon Thomson, party comptroller, Treasurer to make the party operate more efficiently. SCFRW Preident Charm Altman, seconded the motion and moved for acclimation. Without objection, Sharon Thomson was elected SCGOP Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Thomson, SCGOP Treasurer, reported that the party had approximately \$70,000 cash on hand and \$80,000 in outstanding donation commitments. She also presented on the budget, events, and the loan from the 2012 election filing issues.

Chairman's Report

At Chairman Connelly reported on the SCGOP winning the 2013 First Congressional District Race, including spending over \$190,000 on Governor Sanford's behalf. He talked of unity on the committee that "positive builds, negative kills" and reminded the committee that those that criticize never help.

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Connelly recognized Executive Director Alex Stroman for his report. Mr. Stroman reported that Matt Orr had been hired as Deputy Political Director. He also gave a report on addressing concerns from Silver Elepephant and the State Convention. He also gave an explanation on resolutions at the 2013 State Convention.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Connelly asked for any new business. Mr. Phillip Bowers moved the committee allow Mr. Joe Mack to give a two-minute report on the legislative status of Common Core in South Carolina

Following Mr. Mack's remarks, Chairman Connelly thanked the committee for their support over his tenure and for assisting in his reelection. He then informed the committee that he had accepted a position with the RNC that would be announced by the RNC at a later date. He then announced his intention to resign effective upon the election of a new State Chairman. The committee gave Chairman Connelly a standing ovation.

Chairman Connelly then recognized Republican National Committeeman Glenn McCall. After short remarks, Mr. McCall made a motion to elect Mr. Matt Moore, former SCGOP Executive Director, as Chairman. National Committeewoman Cindy Costa, following brief remarks, seconded nomination. Mr. Bowers moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Moore be elected by acclamation. Mr. Tony Piscatella of Dorchester seconded. Chairman Connelly called the question, and without objection, Mr. Matt Moore of Richland was elected Chairman. The committee gave Chairman Moore a standing ovation.

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Drew Johnson, 5th District Chairman, to make a motion. Mr. Johnson moved that the SCGOP State Executive Committee authorize the SCGOP Finance Committee to set a reasonable compensation package for the new Chairman. Mr. Buck Griffin, Greenwood County Chairman, seconded the motion. The committee passed this motion with no discussion or objection.

Chairman Moore recognized 2nd Vice Chairman Nse Ekpo to report on Minority Outreach. Mr. Ekpo outlined his vision, and thanked the committee.

At this point, Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Connelly for a point-of-personal privilege, and Mr. Connelly presented Mr. Moore with his Chairman's pin. Chairman Moore thanked Chairman Connelly, the committee, and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Announcements

Upon the motion by Mr. KT Ruthven, Executive Committeeman from Aiken, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:38pm.

Minutes prepared by:
DeLinda Ridings
Secretary, SCGOP

Approved by the Executive Committee: _____