

**South Carolina Republican Party**  
**Second Quarter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
**South Carolina State Museum**

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 Chairman Chad Connelly called the Second Quarter Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The Committee opened with the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Republican Creed led by members of the Committee.

Without objection the agenda and prior minutes were adopted, and Chairman Connelly recognized Governor Nikki Haley, who was in attendance with her husband and two children. Governor Haley addressed a variety of current events and policy issues. She thanked the Committee for all they do.

Following Governor Haley's remarks, the Committee returned to regular business. Treasurer Dan Herren gave the treasurer's report, reporting that the party had raised \$1.4 million dollars over the past 12 months, and that the finances of the party were stable.

Chairman Connelly recognized Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, for her report. She thanked the Chairman and staff for all they do. She also thanked the Governor and fellow members of the Committee. Mrs. Costa gave a summary of the recent RNC meeting in Scottsdale, and thanked Chairman Connelly and her fellow RNC member Glenn McCall for their work in getting an added protection for carve-out states like South Carolina placed in the RNC rules. She also reported that a conservative caucus was created on the Committee, and that under the leadership of Chairman Connelly, the RNC began a prayer service at their regular meetings.

Chairman Connelly thanked Mrs. Costa, and recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman, for his report.

Mr. McCall began by thanking the entire staff, and reported on the RNC Meeting in Scottsdale. He thanked Mr. Drew McKissick for his assistance at the RNC meeting, as well. He also reported on some additional information about Tampa and the National Convention.

Chairman Connelly thanked Mr. McCall and recognized Matt Moore, SCGOP Executive Director. Mr. Moore expressed thanks for the work of the staff, and reported on the successes of the past year, including the many Presidential Debates, fundraising wins, technology improvements and the Silver Elephant Celebration with Senator Marco Rubio. Mr. Moore said that the SCGOP is a national model for how state political parties use technology.

Chairman Connelly then gave his report. After recognizing new Chairmen and Executive Committeemen, he discussed the May 19 State Convention and plans for it. He also discussed the May 19 Silver Elephant Celebration and how to become a Silver Elephant Club member, and

the benefits it brings to our state party. He stated he would be giving a longer explanation of the candidate filing problems during new business.

Chairman Connelly explained that the committee reports were now in order. Mr. Jim Ulmer of the Building Committee was recognized and he discussed the improvements that had been made to the building. He made the motion to allow the State Party to begin to accept bids to fix the HVAC system. The motion passed unanimously, without discussion.

Chairman Connelly then recognized Mr. Jerry Hallman of the Candidate Recruitment Committee. Following his remarks, Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Jim Jerow who gave a report on the State Convention. Next, Chairman Connelly recognized Mr. Phillip Bowers who reminded his committee that they would be meeting upon adjournment to prepare resolutions for the State Convention.

Chairman Connelly then announced that it was time for old business. Seeing none, the Committee was in line for new business.

Chairman Connelly again mentioned the upcoming State Convention and Silver Elephant Celebration. Following this, the Chairman asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Dan Herren made the motion, and Mrs. Joyce Jerow seconded. Without objection, the Committee entered Executive Session to discuss the recent candidate filing problems and the May 2 Supreme Court decision. The Committee voted without objection to allow Huey Mills, Butch Bowers, Stephen Brown and party staff to remain in the room for Executive Session.

Upon motion by Mr. Terry Hardesty, and a second by Mrs. Susan Aiken, the Committee exited Executive Session.

While in Executive Session, the committee passed the following motions: that the staff be given the authority to help petition candidates get on the ballot; to support Sen. Martin's emergency resolution; to send recommendations of changing the election and ethics laws; that the State Party continue to provide legal support to county parties dealing with this issue; and, that all discussions made in Executive Session be kept confidential.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.