

**THE S.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FIRST QUARTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2014
CLARION HOTEL
COLUMBIA, S.C.**

Chairman Matt Moore called the First Quarter Executive Committee meeting to order on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10:05 A.M.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kevin Thomas, Chairman of Fairfield County. Mr. Nic Lane, Chairman of Spartanburg County, led the Republican Creed.

Recognition of Dignitaries and Guests

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Pat McKinney, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Mr. Bill Connor, candidate for U.S. Senate; and Mr. Leon Winn, candidate for the 6th Congressional District.

Roll Call

Recording Secretary Ms. Sandra Bryan reported that the body had achieved a quorum, with 39 voting members present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

On a motion by Mr. John Major, Chairman of Cherokee County and seconded by Mrs. Brenda Bedenbaugh, Executive Committeewoman from Saluda County, the meeting agenda was approved without objection. On a motion by Mr. Drew Johnson, Fifth District Chairman, and a second by Mrs. Eaddy Roe Willard, Chairman of Richland County, the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Moore gave an update on the general status of the state party.

Chairman Moore then discussed 2014 candidate filing procedures. A "2014 Candidate Filing Instructions – Summary for County Parties" packet was provided for each member.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Moore then announced the party was in order to consider the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Bedenbaugh moved for the committee to enter Executive Session, with staff allowed to remain in the room. Mr. Joe Moffett, Executive Committeeman from Dillon County, seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. The committee entered Executive Session at 10:40 A.M.

During Executive Session, Treasurer Sharon Thomson updated committee members on the State Party's current financial position.

The committee exited Executive Session at 11:10 A.M. following a motion by Mrs. Shery Smith, Chairman of Sumter County, and seconded by Mr. Major. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mrs. JoAnn Burroughs, Executive Committeewoman from Greenwood County, moved to accept the 2014 SCGOP budget as presented. Mr. Tony Piscatella, Executive Committeeman from Dorchester County, seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

National Committeewoman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman, to give her report. Mrs. Costa reported on the events that took place at the recent RNC Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. She announced that South Carolina will keep First in the South Presidential Primary in 2016. Ten resolutions were adopted at the Winter Meeting and are listed on the National Republican Party's website. The National Convention could potentially be shortened and moved to an earlier date. Possibly late-June or early-July 2016. Cities being considered for the 2016 convention are: Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, Las Vegas, and Cleveland.

National Committeeman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman. Mr. McCall shared that Chairman Moore served as proxy for him at the RNC Winter Meeting due to an unforeseen illness. South Carolina is the only state to have two members serving on the RNC Executive Committee.

Old Business

Miss Hope Walker, RNC State Director, recognized the Regional Field Directors, Mrs. Kristen Beckham and Miss Martha Gravlee. She announced Congressional district trainings beginning March 1st. She also announced that South Carolina would host a National Day of Action, with phone banks and door-to-door work, on April 5th.

Mr. Austin Saggus, from Greenwood County was recognized as being in attendance. Hope's goal is to charter four new TAR clubs. Hope also announced details on the Students for Victory Campaign.

New Business

Chairman Moore then presented the first item of business before the committee, a resolution regarding censure of Senator Lindsey Graham that passed in a small number of counties including Greenville. Mr. Jim Lee, Executive Committeeman from Greenville County, submitted the resolution. Chairman Moore asked for the resolution to be referred to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration without objection.

The second order of business was a resolution presented by Mr. Lee entitled “Support of Integrity, Openness, and Fairness in the Primary Process.” Chairman Moore asked for the resolution to be referred to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration without objection.

The third order of business was a resolution presented by Mr. Case Chumley, Executive Committeeman from Spartanburg County entitled “Resolution to pass the freedom of health care protection act, known as H3101.” Chairman Moore asked for the resolution to be referred to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration without objection.

The fourth order of business was Annual Award nominations, which will be announced at the Silver Elephant Dinner. A packet was provided with a summary of the awards. Nominations are due by March 15th.

Announcements

Chairman Moore announced that lunch will be served and the training will begin upon adjournment.

Upon a motion by Mr. Russell Fry, Executive Committeeman from Horry County, and seconded by Mrs. Sandy McGarry, Chairman of Lancaster County, without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bryan, Recording Secretary
South Carolina Republican Party

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee - May 3, 2014