

**The S.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THIRD QUARTER MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2014
HILTON HOTEL
COLUMBIA, SC**

State Chairman Matt Moore called the Third Quarter Executive Committee meeting to order on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 10:05 A.M.

Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman from Charleston County, gave the invocation and Nse Ekpo, State 2nd Vice Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Anne Cannady, Executive Committeeman from Colleton County, led the Republican Creed.

Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Guests

Chairman Moore recognized dignitaries and special guests: Former State Chairman and S.C Attorney General Henry McMaster; Christian Costa, Cindy Costa's daughter; Kim Madsen, Billy Simon's guest from Denmark; Ron Green of Chesterfield County; Bill Conley of Spartanburg County; and Shuai Wang, an exchange student from China hosted by Mr. Ekpo.

On a point of personal privilege, Chairman Matt Moore recognized Henry McMaster to speak.

Roll Call

Reading Secretary Nikki Trawick reported that the body had achieved a quorum, with 39 voting members present.

Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes

The meeting agenda was approved without objection. The minutes from the May 3, 2014 meeting were approved without objection.

Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report

Chairman Moore then announced the party was in order to consider the Treasurer's Report. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, moved for the committee to enter Executive Session with staff allowed to remain in the room. Tony Piscatella, Executive Committeeman from Dorchester County, seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. The committee entered Executive Session at 10:19 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 10:30 A.M. following a motion by Sandy McGarry, Chairman from Lancaster County and seconded by Russell Fry, Executive Committeeman from Horry County. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Duane Naquin, Executive Committeeman from Lexington County, made a motion for the Finance Committee to explore further options to pay down the legal debt incurred by the State Executive Committee in 2012. Jim Lee, Executive Committeeman from Greenville County, seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Terry Hardesty, Executive Committeeman from Berkeley County, moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. JoAnn Burroughs, Executive Committeeman from Greenwood County, seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

First Vice Chairman's Report

State 1st Vice Chairman Lin Bennett challenged Executive Committee members to get out and let people know that the Republican Party is the party of the future and the Grand Opportunity Party. Mrs. Bennett said winning this November is the most important thing that can happen for the country. Mrs. Bennett encouraged members to stay after the Executive Committee meeting and learn about the new Get-Out-The-Vote system.

Chairman's Report

Matt Pinnell, RNC State Party Director and former Oklahoma GOP Chairman, delivered a message on the state of the National Party and thanked the Executive Committee members for their dedication. Mr. Pinnell also recognized Chairman Moore, Glenn McCall and Cindy Costa as one of the strongest state teams in the nation. Mr. Pinnell challenged members to read the Growth and Opportunity Project, the National Party's 50 state game plan. He also mentioned that the Republican National Convention will be moved up to help the party's 2016 presidential nominee. He said 93% of the RNC's staff is in the field, working on the ground with activists.

Chairman Moore announced changes to the State Executive Committee. Mr. Terry Hardesty resigned as Chairman of Berkeley County and is now the Executive Committeeman for Berkeley County. Chairman Moore pinned Mr. Hardesty with the Executive Committeeman's pin. Mr. Josh Whitley is the new Chairman for Berkeley County and was not in attendance.

Chairman Moore gave an update of the general state of the State Party. Chairman Moore shared that the Clarion Hotel is under renovation and will not be used for future meetings. Chairman Moore said he is extremely pleased with the Republican ticket elected in the June primaries. Chairman Moore praised the conservative South Carolina Congressional delegation and said the South Carolina Republican Party believes that the Constitution matters and that freedom matters. Chairman Moore reminded everyone to get involved with Victory and elect Republicans and keep making South Carolina "Red to the Roots."

Chairman Moore then introduced the leadership of the Victory 2014 team:

Kurt Pickhardt, Executive Director; Tyson Grinstead, Political Director; Hope Walker, State Field Director. Mr. Pickhardt then introduced the remainder of the Victory team: Cody Gentry, Greenville Director; Jordan Marsh, Digital Director; Jordan Kay, Regional Field Director; Giff Carpenter, Aiken Director; Elizabeth Saady, Charleston Director; Carri Fuge, Beaufort/Hilton Head Director; Mallory Morris, Myrtle Beach Director; DeLinda Ridings, Columbia Director; Kristen Beckham, Regional Field Director; and Joe St. John, Rock Hill Director. Chairman Moore said Victory 2014 is the umbrella program under which the State Party's grassroots election programs are organized.

National Committeeman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman. Mr. McCall spoke about the Republican National Committee meeting held recently in Chicago. Mr. McCall announced that to date, \$131 million had been raised for the National Party and that online fundraising continues to set records. He said major donors are buying into RNC Chairman Reince Priebus' plan. Mr. McCall recognized former SCGOP Chairman Chad Connelly and National Committeeman Drew McKissick for the work they are doing for the National Party to engage with faith leaders. Mr. McCall said South Carolina has secured the First in the South Republican presidential primary once again. He said the state's RNC members expect to host at least once sanctioned primary debate in South Carolina. In closing, he said several resolutions were passed at the last RNC meeting and are available to view on the RNC's website and the 2016 National Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in the latter part of June of the first part of July.

National Committeewoman's Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mrs. Cindy Costa, Republican National Committeewoman. Mrs. Costa praised the South Carolina team for their work and unity. Mrs. Costa reported on the Mississippi United States Senate primary.

Resolutions Committee Report

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Hardesty, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee met on August 14, 2014 via teleconference. Three resolutions were considered. A resolution dated August 6th regarding "State Convention Rules" was referred to the Convention Review Committee. Two resolutions were passed by the Resolutions Committee and presented to the full State Executive Committee: 1) A resolution Demanding Implementation Delay, and Rewrite of Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History Curriculum Framework submitted by the Richland County Republican Party Executive Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved with a voice vote. 2) A resolution Supporting Establishment of "Cold War" Victory Day. The resolution was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Old Business

Hope Walker, RNC State Director, gave an update and recognized the Regional Field Directors Kristen Beckham and Jordan Kay. Miss Walker reminded members to keep her aware of any county office openings, events, or parades so the State Party can provide support if needed. Miss Walker said if any candidates need resources or GOTV strategies to please let her know.

New Business

Chairman Moore then recognized Jack Parker, Chairman of Chesterfield County, who inquired about getting access to absentee voter names prior to the election. Chairman Moore said those names are available on the Monday prior to the election.

Eddy Willard, Chairman of Richland County, asked if there should be any concern about the Amendment 2/Adjutant General question on the November 4th ballot. Chairman Moore said the SCGOP

Platform explicitly supports the Governor appointing the Adjutant General and that Republicans should vote YES on the amendment.

Announcements

Mr. Moyer Graham recognized his guest, Mrs. Cindy Risher, 1st Vice Chairman of Clarendon County.

Mr. Jordan Bryngelson, Chairman of Dorchester County, gave an update on the Lowcountry Big Bang Barbecue. Mr. Bryngelson shared his experience since his family's home burned and how humbled he was by the State Committee's support. Chairman Moore stated that over \$5,000 was raised by the State Committee and given to Mr. Bryngelson to help with his family's losses due to the fire.

Mr. Billy Simons, National Committeeman for Young Republicans, announced he is launching a statewide initiative for organizing YR chapters across the state.

Mr. Hardesty announced that he is involved organizing a children's Republican organization in his area.

Mrs. Bennett announced the College Republicans are holding a mixer on September 12th on the U.S.S. Yorktown in Mt. Pleasant.

The 2nd CD, 3rd CD, 5th CD and 6th CD will meet immediately after the Executive Committee meeting.

Wes Climer, Chairman from York County, announced that Congressman Mick Mulvaney will host an event with Senator Rand Paul on Monday, August 25th beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Moore said Congressman Jeff Duncan is hosting his annual "Faith and Freedom BBQ" with Senator Marco Rubio on Monday, August 25th in Anderson.

Chairman Moore announced that Governor Chris Christie will be in Charleston on September 16th.

Rich Bolen, from Lexington County, announced that the Lexington County Republican Party will host an event the night before the general election.

Suzette Jordan, 4th District Chairman, announced that Senator Tim Scott is hosting a fundraising event on September 26th in Greer.

Earl Capps announced there will be a 5th District Regional Rally on October 11th at 11:00 A.M.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moyer Graham, Chairman from Clarendon County, and seconded by Mr. McCall, without objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bryan, Recording Secretary
South Carolina Republican Party

Approved by the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 15, 2014