



PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF THE IREDELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Iredell County Republican Party of North Carolina, are dedicated to the sound principles fostered by our party, conscious of our civic responsibilities and rights, and are firm in our determination to give our strength to preserving the American principle that government ought and must be of all the people, by all of the people and for all of the people. Therefore, for the purpose of uniting and coordinating our efforts for maximum power and efficiency, and providing focus to win elections, we herewith establish this instrument, The Plan of Organization of the Iredell County Republican Party of North Carolina.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERS

All citizens of Iredell County, North Carolina who are registered Republicans are Members of the Iredell County 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. In the event a candidate for public office was not a registered Republican as of January 31 of the year prior to the election in which that candidate seeks election, the Executive Committee of the jurisdiction may disqualify such candidate from recognition, endorsement, and the utilization of Party resources.

ARTICLE II - PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

A. OFFICERS

The Precinct Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and as many Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct.

B. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

The Precinct Committee shall cooperate with the County Executive Committee in all elections and Party activities, provide the County Chairman with a list of Party members within the precinct suitable for appointment as Election Officials, and promote the objectives of the Party within the precinct.

C. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The Chairman of the Precinct Committee, with the advice and consent of the Precinct Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the precinct, shall preside at all meetings of the Precinct, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a list of registered Republican voters and workers within the precinct, unless otherwise provided by the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee.
2. The Chairman and Secretary of each Precinct shall certify the election of Officers, Committee members, and Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention to the County Chairman.

Complete credentials shall be in the hands of the County Secretary by the deadline set by the County Chairman, which shall be at least 2 days prior to the Credentials Committee meeting; provided, however, that when the Precinct Meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, the complete credentials shall be in hands of the County Secretary at the time set by the County Chairman on that day. No Delegate or Alternate shall be added to the credentials list following the adjournment of the Precinct Meeting. This delegate list shall be made immediately available to any Republican candidate, at that candidate's reasonable expense, after the County Chairman receives a confidentiality and use agreement, signed by the candidate, stating the list will be used only for Republican activities related to the candidate's run for office.

D. PRECINCT MEETINGS

1. Regular Precinct Meetings

Other meetings of the Precinct general membership may be held at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman of the Precinct Committee after giving 5 days Public Notice of such meeting, or by such other method of notification as may be specified in this Plan of Organization: or upon the similar call of 1/3 of the members of the Precinct Committee or 10 members of the general Precinct membership.

2. Unorganized Precinct(s)

In the event, a Precinct fails to properly organize, or the Precinct Chairman fails to act, the County Chairman shall appoint a temporary Precinct Chairman who shall serve for a period not to exceed 60 days, during which time a County Executive Committee meeting shall be called, and a new Precinct Chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee. All County Executive Committee members present at a County Executive Committee meeting called for the purpose of electing a new Precinct Chairman may vote in the election; there is no requirement for a voting County Executive Committee member to be registered in the precinct for which a new Precinct Chairman is being elected.

3. Vacancies and Removals in Precinct Committee

Vacancy due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the precinct, removal of any officer, or member of the Precinct Committee, or for any other reason, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Precinct Committee or the County Executive Committee, or as provided in this Plan of Organization. The procedure for the removal of any member or officer is defined in Article VI.A.5. Such removal may be appealed to the County Executive Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

ARTICLE III – AREA ORGANIZATION

A. AREA COMMITTEES

1. Grouping of Precincts

The 30 voting precincts within Iredell County shall be grouped together into 6 Areas as follows:

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| a. North: | Eagle Mills, New Hope, Olin, Union Grove |
| b. West: | Concord, Shiloh A and B, Sharpsburg |
| c. East: | Bethany, Chambersburg A and B, Cool Springs, Turnersburg |
| d. Statesville: | Statesville 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 |
| e. South: | Davidson 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B, 3-A, and Fallstown |
| f. Mooresville: | Barringer, Coddle Creek 1, 2, 3 and 4 |

2. Composition of Area Committee

The Area Committees shall be comprised of the Precinct Chairmen within the Area. An Area Captain shall be selected by a majority vote of the Precinct Chairmen within the Area in odd numbered years at a meeting of the Precinct Chairmen to take place between the Precinct Meeting and the call of the County Convention. Then the selected Area Captains shall be elected at said County Convention or shall be elected at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected. The Area Captain must be a registered Republican whose home voting precinct is within the Area. The Area Captains shall be voting members of the County Executive Committee. The Area Captains shall each serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected.

3. Vacancies and Removals in Area Committees

A vacancy in an Area Captain position due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the Area, removal from the position, or for any other reason, shall be filled by the County Executive Committee which shall appoint an Area Captain who shall serve until his successor is elected in the next odd numbered year. An Area Captain can be removed by the County Executive Committee pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article VI.A.5. herein

ARTICLE IV - COUNTY ORGANIZATION

A. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Membership

a. Voting Members

The Iredell County Executive Committee members shall serve terms of 2 years or until their successors are elected and shall consist of the following voting members:

- i. Chairman,
- ii. First Vice-Chairman,
- iii. Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism,
- iv. Secretary,
- v. Treasurer,
- vi. Six (6) Area Captains,
- vii. Five (5) at large members elected by the County Convention in accordance with Article V.B.2.b. ii. herein,
- viii. County Finance Chairman,
- ix. Two (2) at large members who shall be elected at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected.
- x. Congressional District Members, any duly qualified Iredell County registered Republican elected to an at-large position on the respective Republican Congressional District Executive Committee, not already elected as a voting member of the County Party Executive Board.
- xi. General Counsel,
- xii. The current President of any Iredell County Republican Club, that has been in continuous existence, for no less than 3 years with a minimum of 20 full members that reside in Iredell County, and each club remains duly constituted as an auxiliary of the Republican Party by the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

b. Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members

The current Chairs of any Iredell County Republican Club that do not meet the above requirements shall also be entitled to non-voting ex-Officio seats on the Iredell County Executive Committee, so long as each maintains eligibility as defined in Article I of this Plan, and each club remains duly constituted as an auxiliary of the Republican Party by the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

2. Powers and Duties

a. The County Executive Committee shall cooperate with the District and State Committees in all elections and Party activities; shall encourage qualified candidates for office within the County; shall adopt a budget; and shall recommend nominees to the State Chairman for appointments for County Board of Election and shall have active management of Party affairs within the County. It shall approve a Finance Committee and an Auditing Committee, Article IV. B., of not less than 3 members each and may approve such other Committees as may be deemed necessary. The County Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen, unless otherwise designated shall be Ex-Officio members of all committees indicated in this paragraph.

b. In the event that it is determined that the County Plan of Organization is not consistent with the State Party Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee must at the next called meeting bring the County Plan of Organization into compliance with the State Party Plan of Organization. Under any circumstances, the County Plan of Organization must be brought into compliance within 90 days.

c. If permitted by the County Plan of Organization, the County Executive Committee may amend the County Plan of Organization upon a 2/3 vote after providing written notice of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present. County Republican Parties shall submit, by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, their County Plans of Organizations, and amendments, to the NCGOP State Headquarters Executive Director, Political Director, and District Chairman within 30 days after their adoption, in order for the Plan and/or amendment to be considered valid.

d. Resolution

The County Executive Committee may, on a regular or incidental basis, vote to endorse one or more opinions, solutions, or positions as regard a political dispute or issue that is, at the time of the vote, a current controversy either locally, state-wide, or throughout the nation. The Executive Committee, in making such a vote, does so solely to express a "position" on the matter, and may publicize its position as it desires in a resolution to be posted on the county party's website. In no event shall the Executive Committee use this position endorsement to endorse a candidate in a primary or other election in a way that would violate the terms of this Plan of Organization or the state Plan of Organization.

3. Meetings

The County Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year upon the call of the County Chairman, or the call of 1/3 of the members of the County Executive Committee, after giving 10 days notice, as that term is defined in Article V.B.1. herein, to all members. The County Plan of Organization shall specify a quorum for the transaction of business, but in no event shall it be less than 25% of the County Executive Committee.

4. Duties of the Officers

a. Chairman

The Chairman of the County Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the county. The Chairman shall issue the call for Annual Precinct Meetings, the County Convention, and Executive Committee meetings, and the Chairman shall preside at all the meetings of the County Executive Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a Finance Committee, Auditing Committee, and any other committees the Chairman deems necessary to conduct the business of the County Executive Committee. The Chairman shall further appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention, who may be himself. The Chairman shall make periodic reports on the status of the Party within his County to the District Chairman. The Chairman shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Republican organization in every precinct within his county. The Chairman shall obtain and preserve a list of all registered Republicans within the county and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County, District, or State Committees; the County Chairman shall be an *ex officio* member of all Committees unless otherwise designated in the County Plan of Organization. The Chairman shall maintain and keep all records on the shared Google Drive under the Chairman's email account. Said email account is to be transferred to the newly elected or appointed chairman at the end of each term.

b. First Vice-Chairman

The First Vice-Chairman shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, shall oversee all operations of fundraising for the Iredell County Republican Party including the Finance Committee, and shall have other duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee. The First Vice-Chairman shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees unless otherwise designated. When a State or District Executive Committee allows representation by a Vice-Chairman on its respective Board, the First Vice-Chairman shall be the designated Vice-Chairman to serve in such capacity.

c. Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism

The Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism shall function as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman for Finance, shall be Chairman of the Precinct Organization Committee to be composed of all area captains and Precinct Chairmen and other persons to be appointed by him, shall be responsible for maintaining an effective precinct operation in each precinct, developing a volunteer base for the Party and shall have other duties as prescribed by the County Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism shall report to the First Vice-Chairman.

d. Secretary

The secretary shall keep all minutes and records and shall maintain a roster of all Precinct Officers and Executive Committee Members. Such records, including all Credentials Lists, shall be available to any registered Republican within the County upon written request to the County Executive Committee, with such records to be made available within 10 days after the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting after the written request is received. The Secretary shall furnish to the Congressional District Chairman and to State Headquarters up-to-date lists of all Precinct Chairmen. The Secretary shall submit the minutes to the County Executive committee no more than 14 days after the meeting in which they were taken. The Secretary shall maintain and keep all records on the shared Google Drive under the Secretary's email account. Said email account is to be transferred to the newly elected or appointed secretary at the end of each term.

e. Treasurer

The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds for Party expenditures pursuant to authority duly given by the County Executive Committee, shall make a financial report at all County Executive Committee meetings and shall fulfill all financial reports and obligations required under state and federal election laws. The elected treasurer must successfully enroll in and complete the mandatory compliance training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days after the election.

f. General Counsel

The General Counsel shall be elected by the County Executive Committee at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected and shall serve for a term of 2 years or until his successor is elected. He shall be an attorney licensed in North Carolina who shall provide general legal and parliamentary advice to the County Party and be the chief election integrity officer of the County Party working to identify and eliminate election fraud and to maintain trained and qualified election observers in every precinct. In the event that no qualified Republican in a county is willing to serve as General Counsel, the County Executive Committee may select a person familiar with election procedures to chair an Election Integrity Committee to carry out the election integrity functions of the General Counsel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all questions regarding the State Plan of Organization, the interpretation thereof, or any issues that impact the State Party, the County General Counsel shall have no authority to contradict the State General Counsel or Arbitration Committee.

5. Duties of the Members

a. Finance Chairman

The finance chairman shall be elected by the County Executive Committee at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected and shall serve for a term of 2 years or until his successor is elected. He shall have active management of fund-raising efforts within the County and shall report to the First Vice-Chairman.

b. Area Captains

The Area Captains shall oversee the Precinct Officers within their area with the goal of organizing and growing the party within the County. The Area Captains shall assist the Precinct Chairman in calling meetings within their precincts and training the members. The Area Captains shall call a minimum of 2 meetings with a calendar year of the Precinct Officers within their area and reports to the Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism.

c. At-Large Members

At-Large Members shall serve on a minimum of 2 committees and be willing to serve and participate in activities deemed necessary by the County Executive Committee. Failure to actively participate in activities that support the Republican Party is grounds for removal from this position.

d. Congressional District Members

Congressional District Members shall attend district and state meeting as required by the respective committees and fulfill the other duties of the position and be willing to serve and participate in activities deemed necessary by the County Executive Committee.

- e. Current Presidents of Iredell County Republican Auxiliary Clubs
Current Presidents of Iredell County Republican Auxiliary Clubs are to act as a liaison between their club members and County Executive Committee with the goal of education and winning elections. They shall be elected by the County Executive Committee at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected and shall serve for a term of 2 years or until his successor is elected.
- 6. Vacancies and Removals of Executive Committee Members
 - a. Vacancy due to death, resignation, discontinuance of residency within the County, removal of any officer or member of the County Committee, or for any other reason, shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the County Committee. The same Committee may elect a successor to said office to fulfill the unexpired term at the next meeting or special meeting, except in the case of the vacancy of the office of County Chairman, the First Vice Chairman shall call a meeting of the County Executive Committee within 30 days to fill said vacancy.
 - b. The procedure for removal of any member or officer is defined in Article VI.A.5. Such removal may be appealed to the State Central Committee within 20 days and their decision shall be final.

B. COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDITING COMMITTEES

1. Finance Committee

The County Finance Committee shall be composed of the County Finance Chairman, the County Chairman, the County Vice-Chairman, the County Treasurer, and not less than 3 persons approved by the County Executive Committee. They shall cooperate with the Congressional District and State Finance Committees and shall have active management of fund-raising efforts within the county.

2. Auditing Committee

The members of the Auditing Committee shall be nominated by the County Chairman and the names shall be presented for the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee. The Auditing Committee, once approved, shall conduct a yearly review of the financial records of the County and report such review to the County Executive Committee for approval. The review to be conducted shall be of the type and nature which the Auditing Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS

A. ANNUAL PRECINCT MEETINGS

1. Call for a Meeting

In every year, the County Chairman shall call Precinct Meetings during the month of February or March, if held concurrently with the County Convention, after giving no less than 10 days written notice (which may be achieved via email) to each Precinct Chairman and by Public Notice as provided for in Article VI.H.3. Precinct Chairs shall be informed as to the number of registered Republicans entitled to cast votes at the County Convention, and in accordance with Article V.A.3. Failure of the County Chairman to act in compliance with the provisions above shall be cause for any Member of the County Executive Committee to call said Precinct Meetings by Public Notice as provided for in Article VI.H.3. Every Republican registered as of January 31 preceding the Precinct Meetings shall be entitled to cast 1 vote, except that the January 31 requirement shall not apply to

residents who have moved into the Precinct or turned 18 years of age within 30 days of the Precinct Meetings.

2. Election of Precinct Officers

At odd-year Precinct Meetings, at which a quorum is one person attendees shall elect a Precinct Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and as many Members-at-Large as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Precinct. Members of the Precinct Committee shall hold their offices for 2 years or until their successors are chosen.

3. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

The annual Precinct Meetings shall elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate to the County Convention. They shall also elect 1 additional Delegate and Alternate for each 100 registered Republican voters, or major fraction thereof who, are in the precinct as of January 31 of that year. Precinct members do not need to be in attendance in order to be elected as Delegates or Alternates.

4. Meeting Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control

When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to or use of the annual precinct facility(ies) (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman to consult with the County First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, County Secretary and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said Annual Precinct Meetings in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chairman to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day.

B. ANNUAL COUNTY CONVENTIONS

1. Call of Convention

a. A County Convention shall be called every year by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, at a suitable location within the county, within the month of February or March, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled District Convention, and following procedures given in Article VI.H.3. At or about the time of the call of the Convention, the County Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of no less than 3 people, which will meet and issue its report on Delegates and Alternate Delegates certified to that Convention. If Precinct Meetings are held prior to the County Convention, the Credentials Committee shall issue its report on Delegates and Alternates certified to the County Convention at least 3 days in advance of the convening of the County Convention. When Precinct Meetings are held prior to the date of the County Convention, all Delegates and Alternates challenged in the report of the Credentials Committee shall be notified prior to the day of the Convention and allowed to present their cases to the Credentials Committee prior to the convening of the Convention. If Precinct Meetings and the County Convention are held on the same day, the Credentials Committee shall issue its report on Delegates and Alternates certified to the County Convention prior to the transaction of any business at the County Convention. When Precinct Meetings are held on the same day with the County Convention, all Delegates and Alternates challenged in the report of the Credentials Committee shall be notified on that day and allowed to present their cases to the Credentials Committee. The Delegates and Alternates elected at the Precinct Meetings, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.

b. If the County Chairman fails, refuses or neglects to call a County Convention as required by this Article, it shall become the duty of the Vice-Chairman to act in this capacity. The Vice-Chairman

shall follow procedures given in Article VI.H.3. If the County Chairman or Vice-Chairman does not call the County Convention, it shall be cause for any member of the County Executive Committee, with the approval of the Congressional District Chairmen, to call such County Convention.

2. Convention Action

a. Each year, the County Convention shall adopt or amend a written County Plan of Organization not inconsistent with the State Plan of Organization, a current copy of which shall be on file at County Headquarters and at State Headquarters. If the County Convention fails to adopt a written County Plan of Organization, the previously adopted County Plan of Organization shall remain in effect, to the extent not inconsistent with the State Plan of Organization. Failure to comply may result in the County Delegation not being seated at the State Convention by the State Credentials Committee. Failure of a County Republican Party to submit a County Plan to the NCGOP State Headquarters, within 30 days of its adoption, shall constitute agreement by the County Party to adopt the State Plan of Organization for that county. Unless a specific motion to amend this Plan of Organization has been properly made and passed pursuant to Article VI.A.1. the County Convention shall be deemed to have adopted the present Iredell County Plan of Organization.

b. Elections

- i. In every odd-numbered year the County Convention shall elect a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, a Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall each serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected.
- ii. In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall elect 5 At-Large Members to the County Executive Committee who shall serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected.
- iii. In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall elect 6 Area Captains to the County Executive Committee who were selected by a majority vote of the Precinct Chairmen within the Area in odd numbered years at a meeting of the Precinct Chairmen to take place between the Precinct Meeting and the call of the County Convention. Who shall serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected or who shall be elected at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the biennial County Convention at which Executive Board members are elected.
- iv. The County Convention shall elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate to Congressional District and State Conventions, plus 1 additional Delegate and Alternate for every 250 Republicans, or major fraction thereof, registered in that county, as of January 31 of that year. In addition, if the county is located within more than 1 Congressional District, the County Convention shall elect 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate Delegate for each Congressional District located within the county. Each County shall further elect 1 Delegate and Alternate for each Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or national level from said county in the last election held for that office. With respect to the District Convention, the additional 1 delegate and 1 alternate shall only be elected to the District Convention being held in the district in which said Republican elected to the state legislature and to public office on the state or national level actually lives.
- v. During those years in which the County is divided between 2 or more Congressional Districts, it shall prorate its Congressional District Delegate vote among these Congressional Districts in accordance with the Republican registration as of January 31 of that year in the political subdivisions within the County which have been divided among the different Congressional Districts. Congressional District Delegates elected to a Congressional District Convention, in addition to the other qualifications which they

must meet, must reside in the Congressional District to whose Convention they are elected. The Delegates to the County Convention from the political subdivisions in different Congressional Districts shall elect the Delegates to their own Congressional District Convention.

- vi. The residency requirements stated in the previous subsection (v) only apply to the selection of Delegates to the Congressional District Convention and nothing in the previous subsection (v) shall be construed to create Congressional District residency requirements for election as a Delegate to the State convention.
 - vii. Members considered for election in the previous subsections iii and iv do not need to be in attendance at the County Convention to be elected as Delegates or Alternates.
- c. The terms of the 5 officers, the 5 at-large members and the 6 Area Captains shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the County Convention at which they are elected.
- d. Eligibility
- i. Any person who has been continuously registered as a Republican since March 1 of the even numbered year preceding the date of the County Convention shall be eligible to be elected to any position on the County Executive Committee except for the Chairman and First Vice-Chairman. Candidates for Chairman and First Vice-Chairman must have been continuously registered as a Republican for the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of the County Convention at which the candidate seeks election to the Chairman or First Vice-Chairman positions.
 - ii. If it is determined by a majority of the Executive Committee who were on said Committee at the time that the County Convention was convened that a candidate elected to the County Executive Committee did not meet the foregoing applicable registration requirements at the time of his election. Such election will be deemed null and void and redone immediately. Unless the convention has ended, in which case the vacancy in the position, to which said candidate sought election, shall be filled by the members of the newly elected County Executive Committee who were just elected during time that the County Convention was convened.

3. Credentials

The Chairman and Secretary of the County Executive Committee shall certify the election of Officers, Committee Members, Delegates, Alternates and Precinct Chairs to the District and State Conventions, on forms created by the State Credentials Committee and approved by the State Central Committee. Completed Credentials shall be in the hands of or in the email box of the Congressional District Secretary and the State Headquarters no later than 10 days following the date of the County Convention. The postmark date will be used to determine compliance for mailed credentials. No Delegates or Alternates shall be added to the Credentials list following the adjournment of the County Convention. Copies of all Notices, in addition to a list of county and precinct officers, shall be submitted to the North Carolina Republican Party and all applicable Congressional District Committees along with County Credentials.

4. Convention Fee

For each person who is elected at a county Convention to be either a Delegate or an Alternate to the State Convention, the County shall forward to the State Party a fee set by the State Central Committee to defray the costs of mailing Convention materials to such elected Delegates and Alternates. In addition, the County Chairman, with the advice and consent of the County Executive Committee, shall be authorized to assess a reasonable delegate fee, in addition to fee identified above, to defray the costs and expenses of conducting the County Convention.

5. Meeting Cancellation Due to Circumstances out of Party's Control

When circumstances beyond the control of the County Party prevent access to or use of the County Convention facility (including but not limited to inclement weather conditions), it shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman to consult with the County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary and County Treasurer and make a decision on the cancellation and rescheduling of said County Convention in the most timely manner possible. All efforts should be made by the County Chairman to notify local news outlets of said cancellation and rescheduling information. Notice of cancellation and rescheduling shall be given to Republican State Headquarters within twenty-four (24) hours or on the next business day.

ARTICLE VI - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A. MEETING PROCEDURE

1. Annual Conventions and Presidential Election Year Conventions

- a. The County Conventions shall be called to order by the County Chairmen, or in the absence of the Chairman, by the First Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman for Precinct Organization and Activism or Secretary, in order slated, who shall have power to appoint the necessary Convention Committees and Temporary Officers at or before the convening of the Convention.
- b. No member of a credentials committee created by this Plan shall be eligible to be elected to as an officer or to an executive committee position at the convention for which the credentials committee serves, nor shall a committee member publicly support anyone for an office to be elected by said convention. Except when voting in convention, members of credentials committees shall strive to maintain the integrity of the convention and the committee by conducting the business of the committee with impartiality and strict neutrality on the committee.

2. Voting Procedure

- a. No Precinct shall cast more votes than it has duly elected Delegates on the floor at the County Convention.
- b. No person shall be seated as a Delegate at the County Convention unless such person shall have been duly elected a Delegate or Alternate by the appropriate Precinct Meeting or County Convention; except, the registered Republican or Republicans, present at a County Convention from an unorganized Precinct, which has not had its credentials accepted, shall have the right to vote 1 vote per Precinct, prorated among those present from that Precinct. For those who were unable to attend the Annual Precinct Meeting, each County Plan of Organization may provide for a procedure to permit the election of persons to be Delegates and Alternates to the County, District and/or State Convention. Each County Executive Committee is hereby authorized to amend their County Plan of Organization prior to the Annual Precinct Meetings and County Convention for the sole purpose of implementing a procedure to permit the election of persons to be Delegates and Alternates to the County, District and/or State Convention.
- c. Ex-officio members of committees have the same voting rights as the other committee members and are not counted in determining if a quorum is present. When an Ex-officio member of a committee ceases to hold the office that entitles him to such membership, his membership in such committee terminates automatically.

3. Challenges

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan of Organization, challenges to Delegates and Alternates must be made in their capacity as individual Delegates and Alternates. The successful challenges of individuals in their capacity as Delegates and Alternates shall not affect the seating of other Delegates and Alternates in the same Precinct or County Delegates unless it can be demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that the previous election of such successfully challenged Delegates and Alternates resulted in the election of other Delegates and Alternates within such Delegation who would not otherwise have been elected, but for the votes of the unqualified Delegates or Alternates.

4. General Election Procedure

Notwithstanding any other Article in this Plan of Organization, the allocated Delegate slots and then the allocated Alternate slots allotted under this Plan of Organization to a Precinct, or a County shall be filled first by the election of those duly qualified registered Republicans, eligible to vote, present at such Meeting or Convention and desiring to be elected to fill such slots. All duly qualified Republicans registered to vote may be elected by qualified Republicans attending the meeting to fill slots that have not been filled by Republicans attending the meeting or conventions.

5. Vacancies and Removals

- a. Any Member of a Committee organized under this Plan may be removed either:
 - i. By a 2/3 vote of the respective Committee after being furnished with notice of the charges against him, signed by 1/3 of the Members of the Committee. Any Republican against whom charges are brought shall be furnished with 15 days notice of said charges and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Removal by a vote of the committee shall be confined to gross inefficiency, Party disloyalty (as defined herein), failure to comply with the County, District, or State Party Plans of Organization, failure to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the committee or failure to attend 2/3 of a committee's meetings over a span of one year or longer.
 - ii. Automatically upon such member's conviction (as defined below) of a felony after election to such Committee organized under this Plan without the need for any further action, immediately effective upon such conviction, and the seat declared vacant. Each member shall have the affirmative duty to inform the Chairman of such Committee in writing immediately upon his 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 in accordance with this subsection.
- b. 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. For the purposes of this Plan of Organization, "Party Disloyalty" shall be defined as actively supporting a candidate of another Party or independent candidate running in opposition to a candidate of the Republican Party or a Republican endorsed by the appropriate Executive Committee in a non-partisan election.

6. Non-Partisan Candidates and Office Holders

We, the Iredell County Republican Party of North Carolina, shall not offer an opportunity for a candidate for, or current office holder of, a non-partisan office who is not a registered Republican to address a Republican Convention or other function sponsored by the North Carolina Republican Party or any of its subdivisions.

B. OFFICIAL RECORDS

Minutes shall be kept by all Committees and Conventions of official actions taken, and a copy shall be filed with the Secretary of the County Executive Committee. All minutes and reports shall be placed into the shared Google Drive under the Secretaries email account.

C. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1. Records

The Chairman, Treasurer, and Finance Chairman of the County Committee shall keep faithful and accurate records of any and all monies received by them for the use of the said Committee and shall make faithful and accurate reports thereof when so requested.

2. Loans/Contracts

No officer, staff or member of the Party shall cause the party to undertake a loan/lease/contract without the prior approval of the County Executive Committee.

D. 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, County and Precinct level for Party Disloyalty by 2/3 vote of the State Executive Committee. Charges of Party Disloyalty may be brought by resolution of a County 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.

3. Automatic Resignation

Any Committee member or officer of a County, District or State Republican Executive Committee campaigning in person, on social media, or in any other manner for a candidate, in any race, who is a not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party, shall have been deemed to have automatically resigned from the Committee and any position. In addition, no Committee member or officer shall serve as a treasurer or member of a campaign committee for any candidate, in any race, if that candidate is not a member of the Republican Party and is running in opposition to a member of the Republican Party.

E. REFRAIN FROM UTILIZING POWERS OF OFFICE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Each officer and each member of any Committee created pursuant to this Plan of Organization shall refrain from utilizing the powers and dignity of his office or position in any Republican primary for public office at

any level. Nor shall any Committee created pursuant to this Plan of Organization make or issue, in any way, manner or form, any endorsement in any Republican primary for public office. Nor shall any Committee issue any contrary endorsement or withhold support from any non-partisan judicial candidates properly endorsed pursuant to this Plan of Organization.

F. PARTY OFFICERS AS CANDIDATES

In the event that the Chairman, First Vice-Chairman or Vice-Chairman, of the County Party shall announce his intention to run for a public office or shall file a notice of candidacy with the Board of Elections, that person shall be deemed to have resigned his office within the Party, effective 7 days after the close of the filing, and the then-existing vacancy shall be filled as provided for herein. However, said Party officer may petition the County Executive Committee for exemption from this provision and the County Executive Committee may, for good cause shown, grant such an exemption with a two-thirds affirmative vote. Any such petition must be delivered to the members of the Executive Committee on or before the 7 days after the close of the filing period of the office. Until such petition is ruled upon by the County Executive Committee, the party officer shall remain in office. A special meeting of the County Executive Committee must convene within 45 days of the date of the petition to determine whether the petition for exemption should be granted. This exemption shall be deemed void if any other Republican files with the Board of Elections for the same public office within that election cycle.

G. ENDORSEMENTS IN NON-PARTISAN ELECTION

1. In non-partisan elections or in elections where there is no primary election, the County Executive Committees shall have exclusive authority to endorse registered Republicans running in that district or county. The County Executive Committees shall not issue endorsements in races unless the district resides entirely within the county. All members of the County Executive Committee may vote on the endorsements for districts wholly encompassed within the county, regardless of whether Committee members live within the district in question.
2. With respect to any endorsement provided for in this section Article VI.G., and unless otherwise provided by law, notice shall be given to committee members of the time, date, location, and purpose of the meeting at which any such endorsement will be considered. In no case may the meeting be scheduled for a time and date less than 5 days after the notice to committee members. Such notice shall also be provided to all registered Republican candidates seeking the office for which the endorsement is made.
3. No endorsement under this section shall be made unless 2/3 of the members of the County Executive Committee vote to make such endorsement.

H. NOTICE

1. Written Notice
“Written Notice” as used in this Plan shall mean notice sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) first class mail.
 - a. The date postmarked by the USPS shall be conclusive as to the date notice was given.
 - b. Individuals entitled to receive written notice under this Plan may elect to receive notification by other means in lieu of written notice. This may be requested via written notice to the Secretary of the entity required to give written notice; however, this waiver is revocable at any time by sending written notice of the revocation to the Secretary.

2. Notice

“Notice” as used in this plan shall be defined as the actual providing of the required information to the intended recipient by direct means which are substantially likely to inform the recipient. “Notice” can include, but is not limited to, US Mail First Class postage prepaid, telephonic communications, telefacsimile transmissions, and/or email. Any individual providing notice pursuant to the Plan shall document the time and manner of providing notice in the event a challenge to providing proper notice arises.

3. Public Notice

“Public Notice” as used in this Plan shall be defined as the procedure for informing interested persons by means that ensure full and timely notice to the public of the event requiring notice. The primary means for Public Notice shall be the County, District, or State Party’s website. Other media such as radio, television, email, or US mail may be used with approval of the State Credentials Committee. All Public Notices must appear or be broadcast at least 10 days prior to a Convention or special meeting.

I. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Except as herein provided, meetings of the following bodies are to be held in person:

1. All County conventions; and
2. All required County Executive Committee meetings in Article IV.A.3.

These in-person meetings may be broadcast, as provided below.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a County or District Chair may petition, in writing or via email, the State Party Chairman for relief from the in-person meeting requirement. County or District Chairs may join together in a written or emailed petition. Grounds for relief consist of a need for a meeting which cannot be postponed; an event consisting of an adverse weather event; or a public health crisis; or an unforeseeable occurrence which counsels’ prudence against an in-person meeting. The State Party Chairman may grant the petition after a majority vote on consultation with the Vice-Chair, the General Counsel, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The State Secretary shall record all votes for and against the petition.

In addition, County Executive Committee meetings beyond the required quarterly meetings may be held in person or electronically at the discretion of the Chair of the respective Committee.

The County Executive Committee may authorize any Standing or Special Committee formed under its jurisdiction to be conducted as an electronic meeting.

When the State Party Chair grants relief from any in-person meeting requirement for a County Convention or Executive Committee meeting, the respective Chair of any such District or County party shall provide an alternative broadcast by electronic means of a meeting. In an cases, the State Party Chair or the District or County Chair may provide a place for in-person participation.

Any meeting held electronically must allow each member to fully participate in its proceedings, including the right to attend meetings, to make motions, to speak in debate, and to vote. No member can be individually deprived of these basic rights of membership or of any basic rights concomitant to them, such as the right to make nominations or to give up previous notice of a motion.

J. ACTION WITHOUT MEETINGS

Action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of any Committee organized under this Plan may be taken without a meeting by unanimous written consent of all members of such Committee. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents signed by each member of such Committee before or after such action, describing the action taken, and included in the minutes or filed with the Committee's records. Action so taken is effective when the last member of such Committee signs such consent unless the consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS, APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PLAN

A. AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

1. Timing of Amendment

The Plan of Organization may be amended, not inconsistent with the Rules of the Republican National Committee, by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any County Convention provided, however, that the proposed amendment was mailed to the membership of the County Executive Committee at least thirty days prior to the convening of the County Convention.

2. Proposed Amendments from Floor of County Convention

Amendments from the Convention floor to the proposed Amendments to the Plan (an amendment to the amendment) which would materially alter the intent of the original proposed amendment shall not be considered in order unless the propounder of the proposed amendment shall have first furnished a minimum of 100 copies of the proposed amendment, and must receive a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting at any County Convention to be approved. This paragraph applies only to amendments to Amendments to the Plan that were mailed out to the County Executive Committee as described above.

3. Convention Amendments

Unless the amendment specifically provides otherwise, it shall only be effective for the County Convention at which it is adopted.

4. Administrative Amendments

Plan of Organization Committees shall have authority to correct any spelling, grammatical, or typographical errors in the Plan of Organization, as a housekeeping matter, that do not change the substance of the Plan.

5. County Executive Committee Amendments

The County Executive Committee may amend the Plan of Organization between conventions by 2/3 vote, after providing written notice via first class United States Mail, to the last known address of the committee member, of the meeting advising members regarding the substance of the proposed amendment and provided a quorum is present.

B. AUTHORITY

1. Controversies

Controversies in the County with respect to the organizations set up therein under this Plan shall be referred to an Arbitration Committee. Parties before the Arbitration Committee shall have a reasonable opportunity to present their case through argument and evidence. The length and parameters of such argument, as well as the admission and consideration of such evidence, shall be solely within the discretion of the Arbitration Committee, but the Arbitration Committee must afford parties a reasonable opportunity to present their cases. Rulings from the Committee shall be made within 60 days, and their decision shall be final. All parties who participate in an arbitration shall have access to the final, written decision of the Arbitration Committee.

2. Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings, except when inconsistent with this Plan of Organization or Convention Rules properly adopted.

The Parliamentarian, or another member of the County Executive Committee, appointed at the Chairman's discretion, shall be tasked with advising the County Executive Committee as to appropriate parliamentary procedure during its regular and special meetings, and advising the Chairman as to whether or not actions of the County Executive Committee are in accordance with the restrictions of the State and Local Plans of Organization.

3. Gender and Number

The masculine pronoun or title herein includes the feminine, and the singular herein includes the plural, wherever appropriate.

4. No Proxy Voting

No proxy voting shall be allowed at any meeting or Convention held pursuant to this Plan.

5. Days

All references to "days" shall mean calendar days unless otherwise stated.

C. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Plan of Organization shall become effective and repeal and supersede all other rules, except as specifically noted, immediately upon its adoption by the Iredell County Executive Board in Statesville, North Carolina, on **DATE ADOPTED**. This, however, shall not invalidate any action taken under the previous rules prior to the date above. The adoption of this Plan shall not affect the terms of those office holders at the time of the adoption of this Plan.