
BEAUFORT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Beaufort County Republican Party
2023 County Convention
Saturday April 1, 2023
Convention Minutes
Sun City

Attendance: 296 Delegates Credentialed; 12 Alternates attended and checked in. 15 Speakers and invited Guests. Delegate Packets including Agenda were distributed to all Delegates. Agenda and BCRP Rules were sent to Delegates in advance.

Convention Check-in opened at 10:30 AM

Chairman Hennelly called the Convention to Order at 12 NOON

John Zmarzly presented the invocation

Blythe Merrifield sang the National Anthem

Sherrie Mikrut led the Pledge of Allegiance

Ann Ubelis led the Republican Creed

Recognition of Officials and Guests – Sherri Zedd

Introduce Keynote Speaker – Maria Walls introduced Curtis Loftis

Credentials Report – Scott Anderson

Motion to accept Credentials Report, Geri Hampton – Seconded by Liz Johnson and delegates voted to accept the Credentials Report.

Chairman Hennelly nominated Maria Walls as Convention President, John Zmarzly as Convention Recording Secretary Randy Bohme made a Motion to Elect Convention Officers, John Stang Seconded the Motion and the Delegates voted to elect the Convention Officers.

Convention President Maria Walls welcomed delegates, alternates, and guests.

Mary Amonitti made a Motion to adopt the Agenda and Convention Rules distributed to Delegates, Cade Reddy seconded the motion and the Delegates voted to adopt the Agenda and Convention Rules

Donald Lippucci made a Motion to Adopt the Revised BCRP Rules distributed to Delegates in advance, Linda Cannon seconded the Motion. Convention President Walls opened the floor for discussion. A question was asked about the rules going too far regarding Member in Good Standing and another Delegate asked why printed copies were not available. Discussion ended and the motion was voted on by the delegates and passed by a large majority of the Delegates. A motion to poll the delegates was made and the Parliamentarian ruled he would count the NO votes. There were 31 NO votes counted, and the motion passed by more than the 2/3 vote required.

The Nominating Committee presented their report, Chairman Conway Ivy addressed the Delegates and explained the process and recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The report included the recommendation of:

Chairman – Kevin Hennelly – unopposed

First Vice Chair – Sherri Zedd – unopposed

SC Executive Committeemen – Xiaodan Li

Candidate Helga Crandall met the requirements to remain on the ballot

Motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report was made by Leighton Gray Smith and seconded by Connie Boswell Smith. Delegates voted unanimously to accept the report.

Convention President declared Kevin Hennelly elected Chairman by Acclamation and Sherri Zedd elected First Vice Chairman by Acclimation. (Roberts Rules process followed)

Convention President Walls allowed both Candidates for ES EC to speak for 2 minutes

Convention President Maria Walls directed Delegates to remove ballot from the packet and vote for SC Executive Committeeman on the white paper ballot. Delegates proceeded to vote.

Convention President Walls declared the voting ended and directed the counting teams to move ballot boxes from the floor of the convention to the stage where all could observe the votes being counted.

Rep Shannon Erickson and Sen Tom Davis spoke while the votes were being counted

Chairman Kevin Hennelly reviewed the results from the counting teams and announced Xiaodan Li the winner by a vote of 254 – 42.

BCRP Regional Directors Nominated the candidates from each Region for Delegates to the SCGOP Convention.

Chairman Hennelly directed the Delegates to remove the “colored” ballot form the packet; North Region Blue Ballot, Central Region Yellow ballot and South Region Red Ballot. Delegates were directed to cast their ballots and pace in the designated Ballot Box.

Beaufort County Elected Officials each spoke while the votes were being counted.

Chairman Hennelly gave his remarks to the Delegates and recognized the many Volunteers past and present. Chairmans remarks are posted to the BCRP Website.

Chairman Hennelly asked for a Motion to recess the Convention at 2 PM. Motion made from the floor and seconded from the floor; Delegates voted in favor of Recess. Delegates were told the Results of the Delegate Elections would be distributed by early Sunday.

Convention Recording Secretary

John Zmarzly

BCRP Recording Secretary

Sherrie Mikrut