

Lee Lehman for Chair

My vision as Chairman is to continue the momentum made in the 2024 Presidential election and support Republicans in the upcoming mid-term elections. We must elect a Governor, Senator, US Congressman and many GA Representatives. I'm dedicated to replacing all Democrats and Rino's!

I volunteered for the UCRP for 4 years, from 2021-present. I currently hold the 1st Vice Chair position. During this time, I engaged local, district, and state candidates to speak at UCRP meetings, moved the mobile headquarters, assisted with set up and takedown. I established two Golf Tournament fundraisers, a gun raffle fundraiser, volunteered as a poll watcher in the last election, and participated in flag waves. I was involved in the Power of 5 initiative in both Union and Towns counties. In 2023 and 2024 I sponsored teams in the 9th District golf tournament fundraisers. In 2022 and 2023 I was a delegate at the District and State conventions.

During the same time, I was also Choestoe Precinct Chair. I organized and led precinct meetings for the Board of Education, County Sheriff, and County Commissioner elections.

Lastly, I attended two Trump rallys and in 2024 was a TrumpForce 47 captain and went door to door in Union County asking low propensity voters to vote for Trump. I was also the County Chairman for both the Purdue Gubernatorial campaign in 2022 and the Purdue U.S. Senate campaign in 2020. As you can see, I have been VERY involved in GA politics. I would appreciate your vote!

Sylvia for Chair

Many of you have already seen me in leadership in our UCRP meetings and in our county meetings. As Chair, I want to unite the members of our Union County Republican Party (UCRP) and attract ALL Republicans across all age groups. To develop a group that is viewed by our community as a positive contributor to the community, who address the tough issues

and provides an effective influence among community leaders. To elect candidates to make our county and country better for tomorrow.

Goals: Our UCRP has got to be bold to protect our county and Country

- Engage all ages and demographics of our county.
- Work with and Provide input to community leaders.
- Conduct meaningful meetings with speakers / leaders on topics affecting our mountain life.
- Support Republican Candidates.
- Encourage and build harmony with all residents of our county.
- Provide service to the community.
- Identify, educate and develop solutions for issues in our county.
- To participate in all levels of political leadership as a courageous influence.

Credentials: Proven Effective Leadership - Strong Republican Values

2023-2025 – Rules Committee Member, Negotiated new rules at 2024 Convention

2023-2025 – Candidate Committee Chair

Provided Training, Lead Candidate Forum

2023-2024 – Precinct Chair – Dooley Precinct

Multiple Meetings, Wrote and presented Precinct Chair Training

2024-2025 - Membership Chair

2024 – Georgia State GOP Convention Delegate

Other: Community volunteer, Attends local government meetings, Opinions for Newspaper

Dena Gooch for 1st Chair

Having served as Chairman since 2019, I have decided to step down and allow others to serve as chairman. That being said, I plan to continue serving the UCGOP. The primary responsibility of the 1st Vice Chair is programs. If elected I will do my best to have interesting speakers and pursue other programs of interest to our party. In addition, I will help the new chairman in any way needed. I appreciate the continued support of our members.

David Brookins for 1st Chair

I have attended numerous Union County GOP monthly meetings; participated in every Dooley Precinct meeting and combined Dooley, Gumlog, and Ivy Log precinct meetings; several Pat Colwell Precinct Meetings; and a Choestoe Precinct Meeting.

I am a member of the Legislative Committee and responsible for tracking 2 Senate Committees and 3 House Committees.

Since I am interested in election integrity, I have been a poll watcher 3 times; participated in 2 Risk Limiting Audits; and I have attended numerous Union County Board of Elections and Board of Registrars meetings; I encouraged Voter Registration at Blairsville First Baptist Church.

In 2023 and 2024, I was a delegate to Dooley Precinct Caucus; Union County Convention and Parliamentarian for the 2024 County Convention; and I am a member of the 2025 Resolutions Committee.

I participated in Flag Day at Meeks Park; and have helped recruit candidates for various offices.

District Activities: I was a delegate to the 2023 and 2024 9th District Convention.

I have attended GOP monthly meetings in Townes County, White County, and Pickens County. I have participated in numerous Rallies in several Counties including the Trump Motorcade.

Community Activities: I have attended Turning Point USA events to help get young people interested. I was involved with TrumpForce47; a delegate to the State GOP Convention in 2023 and 2024; and attended 2 State Board of Elections meetings.

Community Activities: I regularly attend Tactical Civics meetings; and write opinion letters to the North Georgia News newspaper.

Marsha Lodes for 2nd Chair

Member of UCGOP since 2021 as Precinct Vice Chair (2 years) and Precinct Chair since 2023. Now serving as temporary 2nd Vice Chair.

I have volunteered in our previous headquarters as well as volunteering to manage our new Mobile Headquarters, handling merchandise, membership information and getting candidate information out to our members and the community at large.

Also, I am one of the many volunteers for many of the events and activities like the Boo Bash (a great event), the Chamber of Commerce Business event (another great event!) and many of our Flag wave and hot dog activities. I have hopefully helped increase Republican awareness and influence and get out the vote.

I sincerely hope to continue to serve our GOP by volunteering to be the 2nd Vice Chair.

Patrice Kilpatrick for 2nd Chair

I would like to formally run for the Union County GOP position for 2nd Vice Chair. I am an avid supporter of the America First Agenda, and I fully believe we have to take local action as a supportive measure to the mandate given to President Trump. Therefore, I have decided to run for 2nd Vice Chair at the March County Convention.

Laurie Wood for Secretary

I am a lifelong Republican and Constitutionalist. I first voted in 1980 for Ronald Reagan and have been active since 1988 in various political activities, election integrity programs, Forsyth County Republican Party, as a Precinct Chair for 2 terms, Poll Watcher for the previous 4 yrs, as well a Poll Watcher in Union County in Nov 2024 Election. I have served on the FCRP nominating committee as well as a 2x Delegate to the County, District and State Conventions in GA.

My previous roles as Secretary in Gov't, Oil & Gas and the legal field Nationally (1980 – 2000) established a solid foundation. I also served as EMA Dep. Dir in Forsyth County for 4 yrs and the Emergency Services Dir for the NEGA ARC responsible for over 1500 volunteers and their training. For the past 20 yrs, I have worked on creating and solutioning software to address Emergency, Crisis, Business Continuity, Security & Safety globally.

It has been a privilege to work with the constituents of Forsyth County since 2020 and I would like to take that experience and serve alongside my new neighbors in Union County. We are a growing diverse county, and it is important to engage our citizens and our leaders in true Constitutional and Republican values. I am most proud of being a grandmother and Beekeeper and want to protect these values for the future generations.

I look forward to serving UCGA GOP in this capacity as the Secretary.

Tammy Lehman for Treasurer

My vision as Treasurer is to support the UCRP mission of getting Republicans elected. We have a lot of momentum from the 2024 Presidential election that we must continue for the 2026 mid-term elections. As a Georgia licensed CPA, I will do this by keeping quality financial statements and providing transparency of income and expenses at the monthly general meetings. At the County Committee meetings, I will advise with wise usage of the funds for election of Republican candidates. I will also uphold fundraising efforts as directed by the County Committee.

I have volunteered for the UCRP for 4 years, from 2021-present, in the Treasurer position. During this time, I have attended and have spoken at most monthly general meetings. I volunteered on two Golf Tournament fundraisers, gun raffle and fire pit fundraisers, volunteered as a poll watcher in the last two elections, participated in many flag waves including the Trumpkin float through Blairsville in 2024. I assisted the Choestoe precinct chair with the precinct meetings for the Board of Education, County Sheriff, and County Commissioner elections. In 2022 and 2023 I was a delegate at the District and State conventions.

I attended two Trump rally's and in 2024 was a TrumpForce 47 captain and went door to door in Union County asking low propensity voters to turn out to vote for Trump. I have been very involved in this organization and would appreciate your vote to continue the UCRP mission of getting Republicans elected.

Vince Peterson for Treasurer

You all know me by my cowboy hat. I want to help the Union County Republican Party become a vibrant and integral part of the Union County community.

I am a mathematician who has extensive accounting experience, including.

- Performing a forensic audit for a non-profit workshop for handicapped clients.
- Serving as treasurer for the Structured Technology Group, Inc. for 12 years.
- Working with the Union County government regarding financial accounting records and transparency with the citizens.

Aims for the Union County Republican Party

- Encourage member participation in establishing the content of the monthly meetings to ensure their interests and needs are met.
- Increase membership in UCRP by also providing a forum for raising, discussing and educating on county issues.
- Work with the community to increase sponsorship of the UCRP both individual and company.
- Work to increase the number of younger members.
- Establish a Young Republicans Club at UCHS.

I believe that the UCRP can be an active part of the Union County community not only on one Saturday a month, but also throughout the whole month. We can be a voice in our community not only in national politics, state politics, and county politics, but in the daily life of our community. The Union County Republican party can be and should be a leading group in ensuring the continued success of Union County as the wonderful place to live and work that it has been and must continue to be.

Lori Ittner for Membership Chair

Lori spent the majority of her career as an IT Project Manager in the telecommunications industry, responsible for timelines, budgets and project accountability.

Recently retired and relocated to Union County (Blairsville), Lori has been a Trump campaign supporter (yes, waved the flag on Fridays near the town

square and physically solicited Get out The Vote endeavors in nearby neighborhoods encouraging folks to vote).

Lori believes in our Constitution and that people need to have access to accurate and timely information. When people know that their informed voices will be heard, they take an active role in making sure their communities and families are safe and productive.

She will work to maintain and enhance membership in the UCRP, initiating programs to educate our citizens with the benefits of being a member.

William Gatling for Media Specialist

My wife Xan and I both grew up in Georgia. I am a retired Mechanical Engineer and Xan is a nurse. We are running out of conspiracy theories because of the rapid pace they keep becoming fact.

Georgia is a conservative state, but has been under attack for years by out of state money. The 2026 US Senate race in Georgia will be critical to help President Trump get his Executive Orders turning into law and put more conservative judges on the bench. We can't send a RINO to Washington.

The UCGOP Facebook page and website is a tool to deliver fast accurate information. It must be up to date with accurate information.

George Burch for Parliamentarian