

CONSTITUTION
and
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FOR THE
NORTH CAROLINA
STATE ASSOCIATION
OF LETTER CARRIERS
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ARTICLE 1

NAME AND OBJECTS

This association shall be known as the North Carolina State Association of Letter Carriers and its object shall be to support the National Association of Letter Carriers of the United States of America and to further aid in enriching the lives of its members, both on the job and socially, listed further among the objects of this association shall be the efforts of all concerned officers and members to obtain our rights as Postal Workers on a state level and seek ways to improve the services of the Postal Career Service.

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP

This association shall seek to maintain its membership from the Letter Carriers of North Carolina who are in good standing with the National Association of Letter Carriers. Membership shall also come from Postal Career employees and Retirees that are NALC members who are in good standing.

ARTICLE 3

MEETINGS

Section 1: The biennial convention of this Association shall be held in June, each odd-numbered year, unless otherwise decided by this Association in convention.

Section 2: Should the convention fail to name a place for its next meeting, it shall be the duty of the President and the Executive Board to select a site for the next convention. A decision must be made by January first of the year the convention is to be held and at least eight (8) week's notice shall be given to the branches of this Association of the time and place of such a meeting.

Section 3: Special meetings of this association shall be called by its President on written request of at least one-half of its Branches that are in good standing representing at least one-fourth of the membership of this association. At any called meeting only the business for which the call went out may be discussed and disposed of.

Section 4: Forty delegates representing at least 15 branches or delegates representing at least 20 percent of the state membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A lesser number may adjourn to meet at some future specified time.

Section 5: During even-numbered years, the spring and fall legislative meetings shall be held on the fourth Friday and Saturday in March and October respectively. During the odd-numbered years, the spring meeting shall be held on the fourth Friday and Saturday in March and the Thursday in June to coincide with the North Carolina State Convention.

A city to host these meetings through the next odd numbered year shall be selected at each convention, either by bid or by the President and the Executive Board. If conditions arise which require a change in the date and/or city decided upon or selected, the President and the Executive Board shall have the authority to make such changes which shall then be reported by the Secretary to all member branches.

Section 6: No changes can be made in the Constitution and By-Laws after 12 Noon on the second day of the convention.

Section 7: The business of the State Convention shall be the first priority of the Convention. However, to make the most efficient use of the delegates' time, nonconventional business will be allowed as time permits.

Section 8: An Executive Board meeting may be held in the spring and fall and at the State Convention, the time to be set by the President. Executive Board meetings may be called any time it is deemed necessary by the State President.

Section 9: No guest shall be allowed to speak to the convention unless invited to do so by the President or the convention in session. No guest will be allowed on the convention floor when voting is taking place.

ARTICLE 4

REVENUE

Section 1: The revenue of this Association shall be derived from a per capita tax. Effective the 1st pay period in January 2006, and each year thereafter, the State Association's per capita tax will be increased the same percentage as the National Association's per capita tax. Members who are in good standing with this Union at the time of retirement shall pay a per capita tax of \$2.00 per year per member to the National Secretary on or before the 1st of January of each year. One dollar and twenty cents of the per capita tax will be for a subscription to *The North Carolina Letter Carrier* newspaper.

Section 2A: A pre-registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged each delegate and guest to the state convention. The pre-registration fee to be paid no later than May 15th. After May 15th, any delegate registering shall pay \$55.00. This registration fee shall be published in the convention December and March issues of *The North Carolina Letter Carrier*. No delegate shall be seated at the convention until the registration has been paid.

Section 2B: Any member of the NALC may invite guests. However, each guest must be registered in accordance with Article 4, Section 2A of the North Carolina State Association's bylaws. The cost of the banquet meal for children 12 years of age and under, shall be available at one-half of the cost of the adult price. The price of the banquet meal shall be published in the December and March issues of *The North Carolina Letter Carrier* newsletter.

Section 3: The Branch that is host to the convention shall within 90 days after close of convention submit to the State Secretary and State Paper a full report of the convention. An audited report and all receipts shall be turned over to the State Treasurer.

Section 4: No state funds shall be used for alcoholic beverages at a state function or at any time.

Section 5: No state funds shall be used to pay for a band at a state convention banquet.

Section 6: The State Executive Board is authorized to raise membership dues not to exceed 15 cents per pay period for a bimonthly or 30 cents per pay period for a monthly self-published newspaper, should the need arise. This authority is limited to the need to finance the publication of our state newspaper only.

ARTICLES

ELECTIONS

Section 1: The provisions of this article shall govern the election of all delegates to the State Association Convention and for all State Officers or other elected state positions, also governed by Article 5 of NALC National Constitution, and each branch by-laws.

Section 2: Election of officers shall take place on the first day of the State Convention.
(See Article 7, Section 2).

Section 3A: Elections shall be by secret ballot. When there are two or more candidates for any office, the election shall be by ballot and the plurality of all votes cast for such office shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for any office, the President may declare that such person has been elected. Adequate safeguards to ensure a fair election shall be provided, including the right of any candidate to have an observer at the counting of the votes and at any polling place. The National Executive Council is hereby empowered to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of elections in the State Association which will provide such adequate safeguards. The election shall be held by secret ballot cast at a regular meeting of the State Association. Nominations and election of area representatives shall be by their geographical area.

Section 38: In any election of delegates to the National Association Convention, the Secretary of the State Association shall, within five days, inform the Secretary -Treasurer of the National Association in writing the name and post office address of delegates elected.

Section 3C: If delegates to the State Association Convention are elected, the Branch Secretary will advise the Secretary of the State Association.

Section 3D: A candidate for area representative shall be an active or retired letter carrier who either works or lives within the geographical area which they represent.

Section 4: Those who shall have voice and vote in the meetings and conventions of this Association shall be the elected officers, delegates to the aforementioned meetings and conventions. Also to be heard and to have one vote at these meetings and conventions, are the two (2) Delegates-at-Large to the National Convention.

Section 5: The basis for representation and vote shall be two delegates for the first twenty paying members of a Branch electing said delegates and two delegates for each succeeding twenty paying members or portion thereof.

Section 6: The number of members for which per capita tax has been paid to this Association on January 1st of the convention year, shall be the basis for determining the number of delegates and votes which each Branch is entitled.

Section 7: A delegate in arrears with his dues either to the National Association or the State Association may not be seated at the convention or meeting.

ARTICLE 6

OFFICERS

Section 1: The elective officers of this Association shall be (1) President, (2) Vice President, who shall also be the Chairperson of the Executive Board, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, (5) Director of Education, (6) Director of Retirees, and (7) two (2) Delegates-at-Large. The State of North Carolina shall be divided into six (6) geographical areas, composed of counties. Delegates to the Convention shall elect one representative from a branch within their area. These officers shall compose the Executive Board. Any offices further filled shall be temporary until confirmed as a permanent office by the Association in Convention.

Section 2: Any officer, delegate, or regular branch Member who is in good standing with the Association and who is actually in the Postal Career Service below the rank of supervisor, city or rural, or who is enjoying Postal Service retirement, shall be eligible to hold any office of this Association.

Section 3: The term of office in this association shall be from the convention of election until the next convention or until they are duly replaced by the convention.

Section 4: This Association shall also elect at its regular convention, following the National Convention, two (2) Delegates-at-Large. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes for the office of Delegate-at Large, shall be the Alternate Delegate-at-Large. The term of office for the two (2) Delegates-at-Large shall be consistent with Article 6,

Section 3 of the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 5: The State President, State Secretary, and two (2) Delegates-at-Large shall have expenses paid by the State Association at the National Convention. If the State President is unable to attend, the Vice President will replace; if the State Secretary is unable to attend, the State Treasurer will replace; if the Delegate-at-Large is unable to attend, the Alternate Delegate-at-Large will replace. If there is no Alternate Delegate-at-Large, the President will serve in that capacity. These officers shall receive National Convention per diem in accordance with Article 10, Section 9.

ARTICLE 7 NOMINATIONS

Section 1: Nominations and elections shall take place during the Convention of this Association. Nominations shall be received by the President or his appointed replacement from the floor.

Section 2: Voting Procedures and Nomination

(a) Nominations shall be held on Friday of the convention from 9:45 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Bids on sites for the next convention and the fall and spring legislative meetings shall be open during the same time period. Voting on the nominees and future meeting sites shall begin at 1:45 p.m. on Friday of the convention.

(b) After the nominations for offices are closed, the Secretary shall prepare a ballot with all the candidates for each office listed. An office with only one nomination will not be listed. Voting for the next convention and the fall and spring and legislative meetings will be on the same ballot.

(c) The order of the nominations shall determine the order of placing the name on the ballot.

(d) The election shall begin at 1:45 p.m. on Friday of the convention.

(e) Prior to voting at 1:45 p.m. on Friday of the convention, the Sergeant-at-Arms will secure the door. No one may enter until the balloting is completed.

(t) As the Secretary calls the names of the Branches out, those delegates will present themselves at the credential table and receive their ballot.

(g) No delegate may vote the ballot of another delegate. (Allowing a single delegate to cast ballots other than his or her own via a block or unit rule voting procedure would negate the secret ballot concept and thus violate the National Constitution. National ruling, December 2, 1976, Bulletin #14).

(h) Only those delegates present and on the floor may cast a ballot.

(i) The number of votes each Branch received will be divided among the registered delegates of that Branch. The undividable votes will go to the Branch designee to cast. The Branch, prior to 1:45 p.m. on Friday, must have given the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee the name of the person certified in writing by the Branch Secretary or President. (Example: Branch "A" is entitled to 20 delegates, they send only 6, each delegate will receive 3 votes. If the President of the Branch has been certified to cast the undivided votes, he will cast the 2 odd votes plus his 3 votes for a total of 5 votes.)

(j) A "private" place in the Convention Hall will be provided so each delegate may cast his/her vote in private.

(k) On the opening day of the convention, the State President shall announce an Election Commissioner and eight (8) members as a Board of Tellers. The Board of Tellers shall serve during the convention (1) as official Tellers on division votes, reporting their count to the Election Commissioner, who in turn will submit the aye and nay votes to the presiding officer; and (2) to examine count and record all ballots for the election of officers.

The State Secretary will make a random drawing at the State Convention prior to the elections to determine the order in which the Areas will vote.

During the election of officers, when three Areas have cast their ballots, four of the tellers shall remove the ballots and begin the count in the appointed place of the convention.

After the remaining three Areas have cast their ballots, the remaining four Tellers shall remove the remainder of the ballots and join the first group of Tellers in the appointed place of the convention, to begin the count of these ballots.

The entire Board of Tellers shall remain in the count room until the voting is finalized and verified. If there is no other business to conduct, the convention shall be recessed until Saturday morning.

The results of the election shall be announced by the Election Commissioner immediately after the convention is reconvened Saturday morning.

(1) No candidate for office may serve on the Election Committee.

(m) Each candidate for office may have an observer during the counting.

(n) The President shall read the results of the election as soon as all votes have been counted.

ARTICLES

REPORT OF STATE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Each officer and each member of the Executive Board and any other person for which expenses have been approved, shall tender expense reports to the Executive Board Chairperson for approval. The Executive Board Chairperson will then forward said expenses to the State Secretary, who will authorize warrant to the State Treasurer for payment of the expenses. These reports shall be postmarked no later than the 25th of the following month. In the event of failure to do so, expenses will be carried over to the next month. Receipts for all expenses, except mileage, will be turned in with the monthly reports. Photocopies will be accepted. If expenses incurred during a month are less than \$25.00, the expenses will be carried over to the next month, and will be payable when the expenses reach the \$25.00 amount. Expenses will be paid at least once quarterly.

Written reports by all elected officers shall be made by May 1st, or at a time set at the Spring Executive Board meeting in the convention year to comply with the convention booklet printing deadline. These reports are to be placed in the convention booklet. Expenses for the state convention will not be paid to any officer who fails to provide the written report, unless excused by the President and/or Executive Board.

ARTICLE 9

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: The duties of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and any other elective officer, shall be those prescribed by the Constitution of the National Association of Letter Carriers covering government of the State Association. Any further duties will be assigned by the President or by the Association in Convention.

Section 2: The President shall be paid a salary of 25 hours per month, at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician), payable monthly. The President shall appoint a legislative liaison to represent each congressional district and shall have the authority to call for legislative training /meetings as needed. The responsibilities of the appointed congressional liaisons shall include regular meetings with their district representative and training carriers about important legislative issues. Any expenses incurred by these liaisons will be authorized in advance by the President, using the same scale as Article 10, Section 8. In addition, each liaison shall be reimbursed for time spent at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician).

The President shall receive pay at top city letter carrier (Technician), to attend all national called meetings, Committee of President's meetings, branch installations and/or functions and meetings, the State Convention and Seminars and legislative workshops within the State of North Carolina, these paid days to be from convention to convention. Any other meetings outside the State of North Carolina, unless they are a national called meeting, the President shall use his/her own annual leave.

Section 3: The Secretary shall be paid a salary of 10 hours per month, at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician), payable monthly. He/she shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and adhere to the duties in accordance to Article 8, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Government of the State Associations. In addition, the Secretary shall receive three (3) day's pay at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician) for three (3) day's work performed at each State Convention and State Legislative Training.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall be paid a salary of 10 hours per month, at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician), payable monthly. He/she shall keep a true and correct account of all moneys received and paid out belonging to this Association and adhere to the duties in accordance to Article 8, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Government of the State Associations. His/her duties also shall include assisting the Secretary at the State Convention. In addition, the Treasurer shall receive three (3) day's pay at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician) for three (3) day's work performed at each state convention and state legislative training. The Treasurer shall also be furnished with a bond of at least sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

Section 5: The Editor of *The North Carolina Letter Carrier* newsletter shall be appointed by the State President, and shall be paid a salary of 15 hours per month, at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician), payable monthly.

Section 6: The Director of Education shall be reimbursed for time spent, payable as used, to attend state seminars, the State Convention, annual workshop of the Health Benefit Representatives, and all assignments by the State President to conduct education training for the membership of the North Carolina Letter Carriers Association. This time spent to be approved by the Chairperson of the Executive Board and with concurrence of the State President.

Section 7: By virtue of their offices, the Director of Education and the Director of Retirees will be reimbursed for time spent representing the North Carolina State Association of Letter Carriers at NALC Health Benefits workshops.

Section 8: No person in the North Carolina Association of Letter Carriers shall receive a salary except as stated in Article Nine, Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11.

Section 9: All elected officers in the North Carolina State Association of Letter Carriers shall receive reimbursement for expense as provided for in Article I 0, Section 8 and Section 9. This shall also include any member appointed to a remaining term of any office becoming vacant for any reason, or appointed to fill a vacancy or an office established by the National Association of Letter Carriers during recess of this Association.

Section 10: The Vice President shall be paid a salary of 10 hours per month, at top city letter carrier pay grade (Technician), payable monthly. The Vice President, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Board, shall also be responsible for any duties assigned by the President. The Vice President shall be paid up to 15 days time spent at top city letter carrier paygrade (Technician) for legislative duties per year.

Section 11: The duties of the Delegates-at-Large shall be to represent this Association and promote its welfare at meetings of the National Association and to report back to this Association at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE 10

COMMITTEES

Section 1: All committees shall be appointed by the President before the convention and published, along with addresses, in the May issue of *The North Carolina Letter Carrier* newspaper. The committees named in Article 10, with the exception of the Credentials Committee, shall meet on Thursday prior to the convening of the convention for consideration of committee business. Subject matter for the committee consideration must be mailed to the chairperson of the committee no later than ten days prior to the convening of the convention. These committees shall serve from convention to convention, unless relieved of duty or replaced by the President, or unless the President or the convened association shall see fit to limit the life of this committee.

Section 2: Committee on Credentials: The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of all delegates to the convention and report the total voting strength of the convention, including the vote of the officers, to the President as quickly as possible after the Association is convened or at any later time as requested by the President or presiding officer. Each member will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for 5 meals while convention is in session, to be paid two (2) night's lodging and be paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 3: Convention Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall aid the President in all matters pertaining to Parliamentary Law. He/she will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals while the convention is in session, and to be paid two night's lodging, and to be paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 4: Committee on Audit: The Committee on Audit shall examine the books and accounts of the State Treasurer for the accounting period January 1 through December 31 and report to the convened Association at the proper time as designed by the President, other presiding officer or order of business agenda. All officers of the State Association will provide the Audit Committee with a list of all equipment in their possession. Each member will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals, to be paid two (2) night's lodging and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 5: Committee on Mileage and Per Diem: The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall receive, compute and report to the convened Association the name and amount paid each member for mileage and per diem. Each member will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals, to be paid two (2) night's lodging and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 6: Committee on Resolutions: The Committee on Resolutions shall receive and consider all resolutions presented to it that are signed by the President and Secretary of any Branch **in** good standing attesting to the fact that the said resolution or resolutions have been approved by a majority vote of the presenting branch. These resolutions must be in triplicate. Each member will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals while convention is in session, to be paid two (2) nights lodging and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 7: Committee on By-Laws: The Committee on By-Laws shall examine and review the present by-laws. The committee shall further study and prescribe recommendations for changes in the by-laws. Proposed changes to the by-laws shall be received in triplicate by the State Secretary no later than 10 days prior to the State Convention. These proposed changes shall be signed by the President and Secretary of any branch in good standing attesting to the fact that the proposed by-laws change, or changes, have been approved by a majority vote of the presenting branch. On the first day of the convention, the State Secretary shall be responsible for supplying copies of the proposed by-laws changes submitted at

least 10 days prior to the convention. Each member will be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals while the convention is in session and be paid two (2) night's lodging and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

Section 8: Scale:

Each person elected to an elected position for this Association shall receive reimbursement based on the following scale.

(a) The Federal Reimbursement Rate per mile for each mile traveled while on official business when using their vehicle, or coach air fare, whichever is less.

(b) Single room at prevailing rates when required.

(c) \$9.00 per quarter while on state association official business. Quarters are to be 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.; 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to midnight. (A quarter begins when travel actually starts and ends when returned to origination).

(d) Registration fees as may be required.

(e) Taxi or shuttle fares as may be required.

(f) Receipts are required for reimbursements for all expenses except mileage and meals. Advance for expenses allowed should be based on known expenses. Settlement of difference to be made after receipts are turned over to the State Association Secretary.

(g) The State President or the State Executive Board will determine the number of nights lodging required for attending an event or function.

Section 9: National Convention Per Diem:

(a) Thirty- six dollars (\$36.00) per day, plus single room lodging no higher than published block rate by the NALC, one day prior to convention start, each convention day to one day following convention adjournment.

(b) The Federal Reimbursement Rate per mile or non-refundable coach airfare, whichever is less.

ARTICLE 11

PROHIBITORY

Section 1: This Association shall take no action on behalf of any letter carrier who is not a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, but shall at all times act in conjunction and harmony with the officers of the National Association.

Section 2: Any officer of the North Carolina State Association of Letter Carriers or any other person having access to the membership roll of this Association shall be prohibited from selling or furnishing same to any company or organization under any circumstances.

ARTICLE 12

PROCEDURE FOR PROTEST

Section 1: The written protest often branches in good standing shall be grounds for a referendum of any action taken by this Association in convention. This written protest must be filed with the Secretary of this Association in 30 days or less following the close of the convention. On receipt of this written protest, the Secretary shall submit the same to all branches in good standing, and a two-thirds majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to rescind the protest action taken by the convention.

ARTICLE 13

Section 1: Anything not covered by this constitution and set of by-laws shall be handled, insofar as possible, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

ARTICLE 14

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These by-laws may be altered by a two-thirds majority of the duly elected delegates, present and voting at the regular convention, provided this action does not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

ARTICLE 15

RESOLUTIONS, ETC. REPEALED

Section 1: All resolutions, rules and by-laws heretofore accepted or adopted by this Association, which are contrary or in conflict

with the foregoing by-laws for the Constitution and By-laws of the National Association of Letter Carriers are to be considered null and void.

ARTICLE 16

SUFFICIENT COPIES OF BY-LAWS TO BRANCHES

Section 1: The Secretary shall have sufficient copies of these by-laws printed to furnish each branch the copies requested. This expense is to be defrayed by the branch ordering the by-laws. Copies shall also be printed for all officers and Executive Board members, and this expense shall be defrayed by this Association. The chairperson and members of the committees shall also be furnished a copy of these by-laws when he/ she is appointed.

Section 2: The by-laws as amended at the previous convention shall be published no later than the April issue of *The North Carolina Letter Carrier* newspaper.

ARTICLE 17

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Pledge to the American flag.
2. Invocation and memorial service.
3. Roll call of officers.
4. Roll call of delegates.
5. Nomination of officers, next convention city and seminar sites.
6. Reading of the minutes of the last regular convention and any special or called meeting.

7. Report of officers and executive board.
8. Report of standing committees, audit, mileage and per diem, resolutions, credentials and by- laws.
9. Report of special committees.
10. Election of officers and executive board, next convention city and seminar sites.
11. Installation of officers.
12. New Business.
13. Adjournment.

FORMAT FOR ESTABLISHING STATE CONVENTIONS

Elect convention chairperson.

State Treasurer shall serve as convention Treasurer for the host branch.

The host branch shall turn all receipts over to the State Treasurer.

The State Association allows up to \$1.00 per member to defray the cost of the convention.

These By-Laws submitted and approved
by NALC Committee of Laws.

Charlotte 1975	Winston Salem 1976
Greensboro 1977	Charlotte 1978
Raleigh 1979	Hickory 1980
Durham 1981	Greensboro 1982
Winston Salem 1983	High Point 1984
Goldsboro 1985	Charlotte 1986

High Point 1987	Raleigh 1988
Fayetteville 1989	Havelock 1990
Greensboro 1991	Charlotte 1992
Raleigh 1993	Durham 1994
Boone 1995	Asheville 1996
Rocky Mount 1997	Greensboro 1999
Rocky Mount 2001	Burlington 2003
Durham2005	Charlotte 2007
Durham2009	Asheville 2011
Wilmington 2013	Raleigh 2015

Charlotte 2017
Charlotte 2019
Virtual 2021
Raleigh 2023

CONVENTION RULES

1. The convention shall be considered in session from 9:00 a.m. on Friday through Saturday's business session to be announced by the President.
2. If no objection or amendment is made to each rule, the rule shall be considered adopted by the convention as read, seriatim; and after the last rule has been adopted the rules shall, upon motion, be adopted en-bloc as submitted or amended.
3. A motion regularly moved and seconded must be stated by the chair before any action thereon shall be in order, and shall be reduced to writing by its mover, if required by the chair.
4. A member rising to speak shall announce his name and the city he/she represents (be prepared to speak immediately).

5. Members shall not speak more than twice on any question and not more than three minutes each time, except by permission of the convention, or another member gives the time to which he is entitled to the speaker.

6. Tellers are each to be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for five (5) meals while the convention is in session, to be paid two (2) night's lodging, and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

7. A question containing two or more propositions shall be divided upon the demand of any branch.

8. Any member using objectionable language on the floor shall be asked to leave by the presiding officer, and if he/she persists he/she shall have his/her remarks stricken from the record.

9. The chair must state every question properly put to the convention and before putting any question to a vote shall say: "Are you ready for the question?" After waiting a reasonable time, he/she shall put the question to a vote. Providing there is no objection to the resolution and the recommendation of the resolution committee thereon, the chair shall declare the resolution adopted by unanimous consent by saying, "No objections," "Agreed to."

10. Unless a demand or reading is made by a branch, the reading of the “whereas” clause of all resolutions and amendments before the convention shall be eliminated.

11. On the opening day of the convention, the State President shall announce an Election Commissioner and eight (8) members as a Board of Tellers. The Board will serve during the convention (1) as official tellers on all division votes, reporting their count to the Election Commissioner who, in turn, will submit the total “aye” and “nay” votes to the presiding officer; and (2) to examine, count and record all ballots for the election of officers, and (3) the Election Commissioner and eight (8) Tellers are each to be reimbursed \$9.00 per meal for 5 meals while the convention is in session, to be paid two (2) night’s lodging, and be paid the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from their home one time only, provided their own vehicle is used. Or, in lieu of lodging, the committee member may elect to receive round trip mileage paid at the federal reimbursement rate per mile to and from home each authorized day as long as there is no additional cost to the State Association, and provided their own vehicle is used.

12. If the results of a voice vote as announced by the Chair is doubted, the Chair shall upon request of any branch order a division by a rising vote.

13. The delegates must cast their votes singularly. Any delegation reaching the voting place not ready to cast its vote shall go to the bottom of the list.

14. Voting for the next convention and the fall and spring legislative meetings shall be on the same ballot as the ballot for officers.

15. Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised Edition) shall govern all matters or procedures that are not provided for in the foregoing rules or by the convention.