

President's Report October 2008

If the past few months are any indication of how my term as NCRCO President will be, I can say I will not be bored!

Since taking office in July, I have had quite a wild ride. I was invited to speak at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, but hurricanes Fay, Gustav and Hannah had other plans. (For more on my trip to St. Paul, please see the brief article with photos in this issue.) Also, while making an innocuous contact with the Republican National Committee about our stationery I learned that our logo is no longer permissible, according to campaign finance reforms under the McCain-Feingold Act. So our Issues Committee will have a full plate right off the bat, considering redesign of the logo and amendments to our bylaws and constitution.

As of this writing, nearly all committee appointments have been made; however, if you are interested in serving on a particular committee that appears to have vacancies, please contact the chairman of that committee – their Email addresses are included with their names. I also hope to announce in the near future a Region 12 Director to represent the membership in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada.

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors have met monthly via conference call. The following business has been conducted on behalf of NCRCO:

- Approved renewal of a contract with Fountain Programming for website maintenance and design. Fountain is also preparing a price quote for logo redesign, which will be discussed at the October board meeting.
- Contacted the White House regarding a continued NCRCO presence at all relevant gatherings and to be placed on the contact list for information dissemination.
- Confirmed the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. March 7-10, 2009. The NCRCO reception is tentatively scheduled for March 9, but more information will follow when this is confirmed.

Fundraising efforts for NCRCO will be a priority during my year of service. It is my goal to raise \$20,000 from businesses I deal with daily, and I challenge you to do the same. I suggest you take advantage of the campaign fervor and complete your fundraising efforts before the General Election Nov. 4.

NCRCO is a unique team of like-minded elected officials from across the United States. It is my goal to grow our organization, strengthen our team and establish NCRCO in the minds of our federal legislators as the premiere choice for information dissemination to and from Republicans at the grassroots. I look forward to you joining me in this effort with enthusiasm. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your suggestions and comments. Together we can make this an unforgettable year for Republicans nationwide.

Respectfully yours,

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