



## From the Chairman



Fellow Members of Our Committee and Friends of Our Party,

Much has happened in the weeks since I last wrote to you that has caused many of us to ask ourselves difficult questions about our politics, our Party, and our future. Many of you have called and written asking about the Republican Party's position on the results of the election, the riot at the Capital, and the Democrats' efforts to shut down communications platforms to suppress free speech.

So many people were asking me these questions that I produced a video explaining my perspective as a leader in the local Party. I posted the video to the CCREC Facebook page and it was well received by those who left comments. In it I made my opinion clear that I had seen much evidence that made me think that voting and vote counting irregularities at the state and county level quite likely had resulted in changing the outcomes of the Presidential race in several states. I said that the investigation of these irregularities should continue, and that we should insist that it does so by all legal means available.

I went on to explain that the actions of people who'd broken into the Capital were not the responsibility of our Republican Party, which stands for freedom, personal responsibility, and the rule of law. Finally, I emphasized that the results in the election on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Colbert County had shown everyone that our voters supported the message of our Party overwhelmingly, and that we belonged to a group of patriots willing to do the work

to make their community a place where government is open, fair, and accountable to the people.

The voters and members of the Republican Party in Colbert County do have a lot to be proud of, but our work doesn't stop. The difficult discussions we are having about the situation in the Federal government right now should serve as a reminder of why it is so important to get it right here at the primary level. It is here where we choose leaders who will earn the faith of citizens. It is here where we find leaders for our schools who will teach to our children the tenets of responsible citizenship. It is here where we find leaders who will enforce our laws fairly and equitably, keeping our community a safe place to work, raise families, and live our lives in peace. It is here were if the leaders we choose don't make their best effort to achieve these standards, we will find someone who will!

It is my contention that reform of the kind we are seeing here in Colbert County would go a long way toward building an informed and resolute voting public elsewhere who would be more likely to choose leaders at the national level that patriots who love America could be proud of. I believe this is because we have proven here in the land of the free that when people are allowed to live according to their own choices and motivation, that they prosper beyond any measure before seen in history. This truth is only suppressed when ambitious, self-interested factions instead use the powers of government for their own interests, and we must always be vigilant to keep such interests far away from positions of authority. We



must address our nation’s problems from the bottom up.

So, 2021 will be a year when we apply the lessons from 2020 to build our Party into an even better, more capable organization. Fundraising and outreach events will again be critical in building our base of support. We will need to count on that solid base when the elections come in 2022 for three critical county-wide elections for offices that have never been held by Republicans in recent history. The people of Colbert County have shown they are behind us. We have discovered there is a great number of talented leaders in our county with everything it takes to run and win. It is now up to us to stay focused on the mission, choose wisely, and keep the faith.

The next meeting of the CCREC will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the back of Donna and Friends Restaurant, located at 1325 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals.

Watch Facebook and your email for more information about coming events and opportunities.

Phill Green, Chairman, CCREC

### **Chairman’s Appointment of Linda Joly to the CCREC**

According the CCREC by-laws, Article III(5)(d), membership of the Committee includes “Three (3) members appointed by the Chairman.”

At the meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, I will announce my appointment to the CCREC of Linda Joly, wife of immediate past CCREC Chairman



Fred Joly, and long-time supporter of our Committee, the Republican Party, and our candidates. Linda has been involved in events ranging from keeping the Republican booth annually at the state fair to organizing the dinner for Constitution Day 2020. She has helped her husband and other candidates in their campaigns over the years, supported the Republican Women of the Shoals, and attended many ALGOP SEC meetings.

Linda has always been a reliable source of support in the Republican conversation and efforts to reform politics in our county. I ask that members join me in welcoming her to the Committee as a voting member.

### **Colbert County Now Has Seven Seats on the Alabama Executive Committee**

According to the ALGOP by-laws, Article III(1)(E), a county “shall be entitled to bonus members on the [State] Committee to be elected and replaced, if a vacancy occurs, by the particular county committee...” In the same paragraph, it goes on to say that counties with 15-19 elected Republicans are authorized 4 bonus members. Colbert County Republicans achieved 15 elected offices when Commissioner Jimmy Gardiner became a Republican in October 2019. Of course, our county gained 3 additional offices when Chris Hand, Jackie Witt, and David Isom were all elected on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to



replace incumbent Democrats. With these 3 offices added, our county now has a total of 18 qualified Republicans currently serving.

Having gained an additional bonus seat on the SEC, it is now the responsibility of the CCREC to elect someone to fill this opening. Nominations will be made from the floor at the Committee meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and the new member will be chosen by voting CCREC members using secret ballots.

**January Agenda**

The Committee will approve minutes and treasurer’s reports during the upcoming meeting, and begin discussions on plans for 2021. Plans will include fundraising and recruiting/outreach activities as well as platform formulation for the 2022 election season. Platform issues to be discussed should focus on law enforcement and the judiciary in consideration of upcoming elections for sheriff, district court judge, and district attorney. The CCREC must also conduct the election to fill the newly created 4<sup>th</sup> ALGOP bonus seat and set the amount for associate members’ dues for 2021.

**Upcoming Events**

Following is the most current calendar of events for the Committee. The primary focus of activities will center around qualification of candidates for the important roles of sheriff, district judge, coroner, district attorney, and members of the county board of education for districts 1&6.

Keep these dates in mind when planning your individual and campaign calendars.

Colbert County Committee Events Calendar	
Date	Event

No meeting in December	
January 25, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
February 22, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
March 22, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
April 26, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
May 24, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
June 28, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
July 26, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
August 23, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
September 17, 2021	Constitution Day Dinner
September 27, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
October 25, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
November 22, 2021	CCREC regular meeting
Jan-Feb 2022	Qualification for Sheriff, Colbert Board of Ed dist 1&6, Coroner, District Court Judge, District Attorney,
May 24, 2022	Primary Election
November 8, 2022	General Election

**CCREC Special Events for 2021**

Look for more information in emails and on Facebook about special events coming up.

**CCREC Dues are Payable for 2021**

It is time to pay our dues once again. According to the CCREC By-Laws, Article IX(1): *Membership dues shall be \$25.00 each year, payable in January.*

Dues are also payable for Associate Members, according to Article II(2)

*Associate Committee Members pay annual dues to the Committee. The amount of said dues shall be set by the Committee in October of the year preceding the year they become payable. Dues become payable each January.*



Since the CCREC failed to set the associate member dues at the October 2020 meeting, this must be addressed at the January 2021 meeting. When the amount for dues is set, a letter will be mailed to current associate members.

### **CCREC Website**

I am currently working with Mike Ricketts to build and publish a website for the CCREC. A website has been authorized by the Committee for over a year, but the focus has been on building outreach on social-media, specifically Facebook, where we have grown to over 1,300 members. The time has come, however, for the CCREC to have a place on the web where people can find basic information about the Party and its activities, as well as a storehouse of information about the Committees resolutions, by-laws, and archived information. The result will be a place where newcomers to the Party can learn about us, and a tool that members and supporters can use to stay informed. Of course, there will also be an online method for donations for dues and special events.

### **Sending Letters to Former President Donald Trump**

Some members have asked about a current mailing address for former President Trump and his organization. After searching a few sites to make sure, I found addresses for his Mar-a-Lago home and for his office in Trump Tower. I checked these addresses using Google Maps, and they check out. I have also sent personal letters of appreciation to each of them addressed to the former President. I will let everyone know if I receive a response.

Mr. Donald J. Trump

c/o Mar-a-Lago Club  
1100 S. Ocean Blvd.  
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Mr. Donald J. Trump  
c/o The Trump Organization  
Trump Tower  
725 Fifth Ave.  
Floor 26  
New York, NY 10022

### **ALGOP Winter Meeting Will Be Held in Montgomery**

The Alabama Republican Party will hold the 2021 Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel. Elections will be held for officers to serve on the ALGOP Steering committee. The Steering Committee is the group of state Committee members who meet monthly and make most decisions about the supervision and general affairs of the Party.

The Executive Committee delegation members from Colbert County will vote for the following offices:

Chairman, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, elected by members from 4<sup>th</sup> District (Current chairman David Hall is challenged in this race by former chairman Bonnie Sachs)

Vice Chairman for Districts 4 and 5, (Currently only Lauderdale County Chairman, Josh Dodd, has declared to run for this office)

Senior Vice-Chairman (State Rep. (and CCREC member) Andrew Sorrell and former



Mobile County Chair John Skipper are running for this office)

Introduction of this year’s officer candidates:

David Hall is running for reelection as the chairman of the committee representing Alabama’s 4<sup>th</sup> congressional district.



Bonnie Sachs, former 4<sup>th</sup> district chairman, has announced that she is running for this office again. Bonnie is the widow of the late Harold Sachs, who was chief of staff of the ALGOP until his death in November of COVID-19. Bonnie is a retired teacher of twenty-five years. She has served as delegate/alternate delegate to five RNC national conventions, and as State Steering Committee member representing district 4 for twelve years.



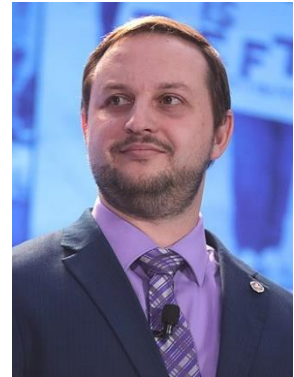
Current Lauderdale County Republican Party Chairman Josh Dodd is running for vice-chairman to represent Alabama



districts 4 and 5. Josh has been Lauderdale chairman since 2015, where he has overseen record fundraising (over \$25k) and the transition of 100% of local offices to Republican. He has also served as secretary for the State Executive Committee since

2018. Josh began his involvement in politics as a college Republican volunteer, helping with local campaigns, and in the eleven years since has gained experience in winning elections that he wants to implement across north Alabama and the state.

AL State Representative and CCREC member Andrew Sorrell is running for Senior Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. Andrew currently serves as vice-chairman for districts 4 and 5. Andrew became



involved in politics in 2010, and served as a volunteer campaign manager and Republican committee member in Lauderdale County during the time when that county completely transformed to a Republican stronghold. In 2014 he was elected to the State Executive Committee, later winning election as 5<sup>th</sup> district vice-chairman in 2015, and then district vice-chairman for districts 4 and 5 in 2017. Having been reelected in 2019, Andrew has earned a reputation for insisting that the steering committee and executive committees operate according to written procedures, ensuring a fair and equitable process.



Mr. John Skipper, a former chairman of the Mobile County Republican Party, is running for Senior Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. John has also served on the State Executive Committee on the financial oversight and ethics subcommittees, and as vice-chairman for districts 1 and 2. He has also been a member of the board of his church, and served 31 years in the Coast Guard Reserves.



- Work to Increase Fundraising to Allow More Activity
- Make Minority Outreach a Priority
- Support Our Rural & Minority Counties when They Need Help
- Target New Ways to Win in Metro Areas

Current Senior Vice-Chairman John Wahl is running for Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. John is a butterfly farmer from Athens, where he and his family have worked in Limestone County Republican politics for several years. He has been a political consultant, specializing in telephone polling and robo-calls for candidates, including some for CCREC in 2020. He was a senior advisor for the Tuberville campaign, and serves on the Senator’s transition team.



Among Mr. Wahl’s primary objectives as chairman, he wants to:

- Be a Voice for Each Member of the SEC
- Support Our Local Parties & County Chairmen