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SC Chapter's State Convention

Join us for an exciting event at the Hilton Garden Inn in the picturesque Beaufort, SC, for the annual UPMA South Carolina Chapter gathering on April 12-13, 2024. Secure a room at the special rate of \$159 per night by contacting 843-379-9800 to reserve your accommodation. This event provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, receive top-tier training, and socialize with colleagues.

Exciting prizes await! Ensure you do not miss out on this remarkable occasion. Mark your calendars! For further details, reach out to your chapter president or board members. Refer to the registration form for comprehensive information on rates and hotel amenities. Engaging activities are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, concluding in the evenings to allow time for relaxation and exploration of Beaufort. Additionally, a dedicated Q&A session is tailored for senior leaders. Consult your chapter's leadership team for additional details.



Incentive Offered by the South Carolina Chapter

The South Carolina Chapter of the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) extends a **special incentive to SC Chapter Members** attending the State Convention.

To qualify for reimbursement of your registration fee, you must meet the following criteria:

- Membership in the SC Chapter UPMA is mandatory.
- Registration and payment of the registration fee must be completed by March 15, 2024, amounting to \$50.00. Registrants after this date will be eligible for reimbursement at the early rate only.
- Attendance at all convention sessions is required.
- Accommodation at the designated host hotel during the convention is necessary unless within commuting distance.
- Following the convention's conclusion, a reimbursement check or cash equivalent to the registration cost of \$50.00 will be provided.
- For non-members of the UPMA SC Chapter, immediate registration is available. The initial year's membership fee will be waived, and on-site registration is feasible.

Additionally, the first 25 registrants will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win one of three prizes:

- First Prize: \$100 Visa gift card
- Second Prize: \$50 Visa gift card
- Third Prize: \$25 Visa gift card



For further information, please visit us online at www.upmasc.org.



BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Preamble

The purposes for which this Chapter is organized as a part of national organization, United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA), shall be to provide a vehicle through which members may assist one another in matters connected with their employment in the United States Postal Service; to foster a favorable image of public service; to assure the users of the mails the best service possible improve the conditions under which individuals work, having concern for salaries, hours of employment, working environment, and related issues; to cooperate with other groups and levels of postal management in the achievement of common goals.

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the South Carolina Chapter of the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to affiliate with and become a part of the national UPMA organization.

Article III – Membership

Any person as designated by the UPMA Governing Documents to be a member of the national Organization shall be considered a member in this Chapter but no member in arrears for dues shall be recognized or permitted any of the privileges at its conventions.

Article IV – Meetings

The annual convention of the organization shall be held at the time and city as set by the “annual convention one year or more prior to that convention,” provided however, that the president may, with the approval of the majority of the executive board, and for good and sufficient reason change the time and or place previously fixed. All chapter conventions must be completed prior to the start of the National Convention.

Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called on the request in writing by a majority of the executive committee or on demand in writing of ten (10) percent of the paid-up membership of this chapter.

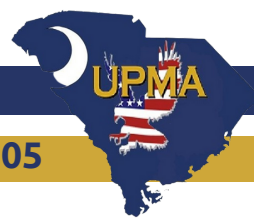
The chapter secretary/treasurer shall mail notice of meetings to members of the executive committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified for such meetings.

In any convention of this chapter, all members who are present and registered for the convention shall constitute a quorum.

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of this chapter.

Article V – Election of Officers

The officers of this chapter shall be a president, executive vice president, a secretary/treasurer, the immediate past president who shall serve for a term of one year beginning on July 1 of the year a newly elected president shall assume office, the president of the postmasters retired, editor, who together with the 3 vice presidents, shall constitute the executive committee, and the governing body of the chapter.



The president, executive vice-president, and 3 vice president(s) shall be elected at the annual convention to serve a term of 1 year. The elected officers may be elected to serve no more than 3 consecutive terms of office.

The new executive committee shall hold an organizational meeting within 60 days of July 1st each year.

Additional or other nominations may be made from the floor, if seconded and approved, and shall be included with the list of recommendations made by the nominating committee for determining by ballot of those present and qualified to vote in said election. If there shall be more than two nominations for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Except for the positions of President and Executive Vice President, which shall be limited to active

EAS members, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs who are members in good standing of the organization, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs shall be permitted to hold office in this chapter provided they are present at the meeting where the vote will be taken, and that no other active EAS member seeks the office. Any active member who is an officer of this chapter, who during their term shall resign or be removed for any cause whatsoever, from the position that qualified them for active membership, shall immediately become ineligible to hold office and their office shall be declared vacant.

Article VI – President

The president shall preside at all meetings of the chapter, shall call special meetings when requested to do so as provided in Article IV. They shall also preside at the meetings of the executive committee and appoint all committees for the proper handling of the business of this chapter and in general perform such duties as may pertain to the office. The president shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide.

Article VII – Executive Vice President

The executive vice president shall serve in the absence or disability of the president and work with the president as needed. This position will be a separately elected position and must be an active member. Should the office of the president be vacated, the executive vice president will serve the remaining term. The remaining term of the vacant position of the executive vice president shall be filled by the executive committee.

Article VIII – At Large Vice Presidents

The At Large Vice Presidents may be responsible for the following duties:

One Vice President may serve as Membership Chair for the chapter. It will be their duty to promote membership for the organization and ensure that the chapter always has a strong membership.

One Vice President may serve as Education Chair. It will be their duty to work with the President in aligning training that is deemed necessary and appropriate for the membership.

One Vice President may serve as the Legislative Chair. It will be their duty to handle legislative activity within the chapter.

One Vice President may serve as the Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair. It will be their duty to handle any PAC activities within the chapter.

The above three Vice Presidents may have their duties assigned by the executive committee at the Executive Board organizational meeting.



In the event of a vacancy in the vice-presidential position, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.

Article IX – Secretary-Treasurer

The secretary-treasurer shall combine the office of secretary and treasurer and shall perform all duties commonly incident to both offices. The secretary-treasurer shall be bonded as provided in Article XV hereof and shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide. The secretary-treasurer shall keep all records, record the proceedings of all conventions and meetings of the executive committee, deposit, withdraw and have custody of the funds of the chapter and shall be responsible to keep an accurate and complete account of the receipts, vouchers, and membership. In the event of a vacancy in the position of secretary-treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.

Article X – Editor

An editor may be appointed by the Chapter President with the approval of the executive committee. It shall be the editor's duty to publish the official newspaper of the South Carolina Chapter of UPMA. The editor shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide.

Article XI – Executive Committee

The officers of this chapter shall be a president, executive vice president, 3 at large vice presidents, a secretary-treasurer, the immediate past president who shall serve a term of one year beginning on July 1st of the year a newly elected president assumes office, the president of Postmasters Retired and editor, shall constitute the executive committee and the governing body of the chapter.

It shall be the duty of the executive committee to carry out the orders of the chapter as expressed in the convention, it shall have direct control of all business of the chapter and its affairs, it shall be the power of the executive committee to authorize necessary expenditures; to audit all accounts; approve the expenses of the executive officers and in general perform all the functions ordinarily attached to such committee.

The executive committee shall have the power to remove any of its members for good and sufficient reason by two-thirds vote of the committee when in session.

Article XII – Sergeant-At-Arms

At the opening of each convention the president may appoint a master sergeant-at-arm and the necessary assistant sergeants at-arms, and it shall be their duty to maintain order and perform such other duties as designated by the president.

Article XIII – National Convention Roll Call Voting Procedure

When preparing for roll call votes to be cast on elections, amendments, etc., at the National Convention the vote shall be taken by paper ballot at the annual Chapter Convention. The results of that paper ballot shall govern the procedure, by percentage, for how the Chapter's votes will be cast at the National Convention by the Chapter President. The results of the votes shall be recorded by the National Officer present at the convention, as well as in the official minutes of the Chapter convention. The National Officer and the Chapter President must send the results to the National Office within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the Chapter convention. On the issue of elections, the Chapter's official vote must be taken at the Chapter convention in the year that the election will take place at the National convention. In the event there are issues that are presented at the National Convention that were not considered at the chapter convention that require a roll call vote, a vote shall be taken by paper ballot of active members present at the National Convention. The results of that paper ballot shall govern the procedure, by percentage, for, for how the Chapter's votes will be cast at the National Convention by the Chapter President.



Article XIV- Bonds

The secretary-treasurer shall be required to be bonded in the amount deemed sufficient by the executive committee, said bond to be executed by a surety company approved by the executive committee and the premium on such bond shall be paid by the chapter.

Article XV – Dues

The annual dues of the members of this Chapter shall be the same as provided in the governing documents of the national organization.

Article XVI – Official Publication

There may be established an official publication of this Chapter, to be published 4 times per year. The publication will be distributed to the membership and others. The official publication will be named The South Carolina Palmetto Focus. In addition, the Chapter may maintain a website for the dissemination of information. The executive committee, as the governing body of the Chapter, shall have editorial control over the official publication(s).

Article XVII – Amendments

All proposed amendment(s) must be submitted in writing to the Chapter president at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the annual Chapter convention. The proposed amendment(s) shall be available at the convention prior to the Business Meeting. These bylaws may be amended at any convention of the chapter by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting. Any proposed amendment(s) shall be read at one session of the convention and voted on at a subsequent session. These amendment(s) shall become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the convention unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

END OF CURRENT BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA



PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article IV

Description: Change the verbiage for chapter secretary/treasurer mail notice of meetings to members of the executive committee 10 days prior to the date specified.

Rationale:

Sometimes the sensitivity for the special meeting may not allow for 10 days' notice to be mailed

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Amend Wording.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article IV Meetings</p> <p>The annual convention of the organization shall be held at the time and city as set by the "annual convention one year or more prior to that convention," provided however, that the president may, with the approval of the majority of the executive board, and for good and sufficient reason change the time and or place previously fixed. All chapter conventions must be completed prior to the start of the National Convention.</p> <p>Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called on the request in writing by a majority of the executive committee or on demand in writing of ten (10) percent of the paid-up membership of this chapter.</p> <p>The chapter secretary/treasurer shall mail notice of meetings to members of the executive committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified for such meetings.</p> <p>In any convention of this chapter, all members who are present and registered for the convention shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of this chapter.</p>	<p>Article IV Meetings</p> <p>The annual convention of the organization shall be held at the time and city as set by the "annual convention one year or more prior to that convention," provided however, that the president may, with the approval of the majority of the executive board, and for good and sufficient reason change the time and or place previously fixed. All chapter conventions must be completed prior to the start of the National Convention.</p> <p>Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called on the request in writing by a majority of the executive committee or on demand in writing of ten (10) percent of the paid-up membership of this chapter.</p> <p>The chapter secretary shall notify members of the executive committee ten (10) days prior or as soon as applicable to the date specified such meetings. <u>The executive committee can be notified by phone, email, zoom or text when notice of meetings to members of the executive committee are required.</u></p> <p>In any convention of this chapter, all members who are present and registered for the convention shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of this chapter.</p>

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article V

Description: Change the verbiage for removal of office.

Rationale: Specify the time for removal of office.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Amend Wording for removal of office.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article V – Election of Officers</p> <p>The officers of this chapter shall be a president, executive vice president, a secretary/treasurer, the immediate past president who shall serve for a term of one year beginning on July 1 of the year a newly elected president shall assume office, the president of the postmasters retired, editor, who together with the 3 vice presidents, shall constitute the executive committee, and the governing body of the chapter.</p> <p>The president, executive vice-president, and 3 vice president(s) shall be elected at the annual convention to serve a term of 1 year. The elected officers may be elected to serve no more than 3 consecutive terms of office.</p> <p>The new executive committee shall hold an organizational meeting within 60 days of July 1st each year.</p> <p>Additional or other nominations may be made from the floor, if seconded and approved, and shall be included with the list of recommendations made by the nominating committee for determining by ballot of those present and qualified to vote in said election. If there shall be more than two nominations for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Except for the positions of President and Executive Vice President, which shall be limited to active EAS members, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs who are members in good standing of the organization, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs shall be permitted to hold office in this chapter provided they are present at the meeting where the vote will be taken, and that no other active EAS member seeks the office. Any active member who is an officer of this chapter, who during their term shall resign or be removed for any cause whatsoever, from the position that qualified them for active membership, shall immediately become ineligible to hold office and their office shall be declared vacant.</p>	<p>Article V – Election of Officers</p> <p>The officers of this chapter shall be a president, executive vice president, vice presidents, secretary, and a treasurer, the immediate past president shall serve for a term of one year beginning on July 1 of the year a newly elected president shall assume office, the president of the postmasters retired, editor, who together with the 4 vice presidents, shall constitute the executive committee, and the governing body of the chapter.</p> <p>The president, and four vice president(s) (one of the four is the executive vice-president) shall be elected at the annual convention. The President and Secretary shall serve a term of two years that alternate odd and even years of service. The Executive Vice-President and Vice Presidents shall serve a term of two years that alternate odd and even years of service. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years. The elected officers may be elected to serve no more than 2 consecutive terms of office. The Chapter Member Representative shall be appointed by the president and serve a two-year term.</p> <p>The new executive committee shall hold an organizational meeting within 60 days of July 1st each year.</p> <p>Additional or other nominations may be made from the floor, if seconded and approved, and shall be included with the list of recommendations made by the nominating committee for determining by ballot of those present and qualified to vote in said election. If there shall be more than two nominations for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Except for the positions of President and Executive Vice President, which shall be limited to active EAS members, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs who are members in good standing of the organization, retired postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs shall be permitted to hold office in this chapter provided they are present at the meeting where the vote will be taken, and that no other active EAS member seeks the office. Any active member who is an officer of this chapter, who</p>

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during their term shall resign or be removed for any cause whatsoever, from the position that qualified them for active membership, shall become ineligible **(for the remainder of their term)** and their office shall be declared vacant.



PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article VIII

Description: Add a New Vice President for Chapter Member Representative

Rationale: Add new Vice President for Chapter Member Representative.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Add new Vice President for Chapter Member Representative.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article VIII] At Large Vice Presidents</p> <p>The At Large Vice Presidents may be responsible for the following duties:</p> <p>One Vice President may serve as Membership Chair for the chapter. It will be their duty to promote membership for the organization and ensure that the chapter always has a strong membership.</p> <p>One Vice President may serve as Education Chair. It will be their duty to work with the President in aligning training that is deemed necessary and appropriate for the membership.</p> <p>One Vice President may serve as the Legislative Chair. It will be their duty to handle legislative activity within the chapter.</p> <p>One Vice President may serve as the Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair. It will be their duty to handle any PAC activities within the chapter.</p> <p>The above three Vice Presidents may have their duties assigned by the executive committee at the Executive Board organizational meeting.</p> <p>In the event of a vacancy in the vice-presidential position, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.</p>	<p>Article VIII At Large Vice Presidents</p> <p>The At Large Vice Presidents may be responsible for the following duties:</p> <p>One Vice President shall serve as the Membership Chair for the chapter. It shall be their duty to promote membership for the organization and ensure that the chapter always has a strong membership.</p> <p>One Vice President shall serve as Education Chair. It will be their duty to work with the President in aligning training that is deemed necessary and appropriate for the membership.</p> <p>One Vice President shall serve as the Legislative Chair. It will be their duty to handle legislative activity within the chapter.</p> <p>One Vice President shall serve as the Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair. It will be their duty to handle any PAC activities within the chapter.</p> <p><u>The above four Vice Presidents may have their duties assigned by the executive committee at the Executive Board organizational meeting.</u></p> <p>The Executive Vice President shall be nominated and selected by the executive board.</p> <p>In the event of a vacancy in the vice-presidential position, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.</p>
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024	Article: Article IX
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Description: Separate the Secretary and Treasurer Positions. Change the verbiage for chapter secretary mail notice of meetings to members of the executive committee 10 days prior to the date specified.

Rationale: Sometimes the sensitivity for the special meeting may not allow for 10 days’ notice to be mailed.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Amend Wording.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article IX – Secretary-Treasurer</p> <p>The secretary-treasurer shall combine the office of secretary and treasurer and shall perform all duties commonly incident to both offices. The secretary-treasurer shall be bonded as provided in Article XV hereof and shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide. The secretary-treasurer shall keep all records, record the proceedings of all conventions and meetings of the executive committee, deposit, withdraw and have custody of the funds of the chapter and shall be responsible to keep an accurate and complete account of the receipts, vouchers, and membership. In the event of a vacancy in the position of secretary-treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.</p>	<p>Article IX – Secretary-Treasurer</p> <p>The secretary shall perform all duties common to the position. The chapter secretary shall mail notice of meetings to members of the executive committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified for such meetings. In cases where the 10 days is not feasible the executive committee can be notified by phone, email, zoom or text when notice of meetings to members of the executive committee are required.</p>

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article X

Description: Add Article for Treasurer Position.

Rationale: Separated duties from Secretary and Treasurer

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Creating Treasurer Position

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
	<p>Article X Treasurer</p> <p>The treasurer shall not serve more than two years from selection. The treasurer shall be bonded in accordance with Article 16 and keep all records relating to deposits or withdrawals and have custody of the funds of the chapter and shall be responsible to keep an accurate and complete account of the receipts, vouchers, and membership. In the event of a vacancy in the position of treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.</p>

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Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article XI

Description: Add Position for Chapter Member Representative (CMR)

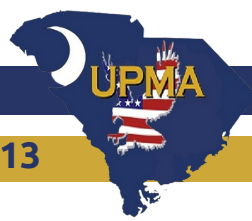
Rationale: Add Position for Chapter Member Representative (CMR)

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Add Position for Chapter Member Representative (CMR)

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
	<p>Article XI Chapter Member Representative (CMR)</p> <p>The Chapter Member Representative shall be appointed by the president and shall serve a two-year term. The primary function of the Chapter Member Representative (CMR) shall be to assist any UPMA Postmaster/Manager with action cases filed and consultation.</p>

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article XII

Description: Change Existing Article X to Change XII

Rationale: Change Article number and add name of the South Carolina Magazine.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Amend Wording.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article X Editor</p> <p>An editor may be appointed by the Chapter President with the approval of the executive committee. It shall be the editor's duty to publish the official newspaper of the South Carolina Chapter of UPMA. The editor shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide.</p>	<p>Article XII Editor</p> <p>An editor may be appointed by the Chapter President with the approval of the executive committee. It shall be the editor's duty to publish the official newspaper of the South Carolina Chapter of UPMA <u>(South Carolina Palmetto Focus) at least quarterly.</u> <u>Consideration of printing should be given to timeless around scheduled conventions.</u> The editor shall receive such compensation for their services as the executive committee may provide.</p>

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Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article XVI

Description: Add Article XVI - Bonds

Rationale: To clarify whom will be bonded.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Create new Article XVI

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>None</p>	<p><u>The treasurer shall be required to be bonded in the amount deemed sufficient by the executive committee, said bond to be executed by a surety company approved by the executive committee and the premium on such bond shall be paid by the chapter.</u></p>

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA

Convention Year: 2024

Article: Article IX

Description: Change Article numbers and add new Articles.

Rationale: Change Article numbers and add new Articles.

Submitted By: Lyle B. Belcher

Change Article numbers and add new articles.

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
Article I – Name Article II – Purpose Article III – Membership Article IV – Meetings Article V – Election of Officers Article VI – President Article VII – Executive Vice President Article VIII – At Large Vice Presidents Article IX – Secretary-Treasurer Article X – Editor Article XI – Executive Committee Article XII – Sergeant-At-Arms Article XIII – National Convention Roll Call Voting Procedure Article XIV- Bonds Article XV – Dues Article XVI – Official Publication Article XVII – Amendments	Article I – Name Article II – Purpose Article III – Membership Article IV – Meetings Article V – Election of Officers Article VI – President Article VII – Executive Vice President Article VIII – At Large Vice Presidents <u>Article IX – Secretary</u> <u>Article X –Treasurer</u> <u>Article X1 –Chapter Member Representative</u> <u>Article XII – Editor</u> <u>Article XIII – Executive Committee</u> <u>Article XIV – Sergeant-At-Arms</u> <u>Article XV – National Convention Roll Call Voting Procedure</u> <u>Article XVI- Bonds</u> <u>Article XVII – Dues</u> <u>Article XVIII – Training</u> <u>Article XIV - Budget</u> <u>Article XX – Official Publication</u> <u>Article XXI – Amendments</u>

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TENATIVE AGENDA

SC UPMA State Convention

Thursday 4/11/24

4:00PM - 6:00 PM Registration (Onsite Registration \$75.00)

6:00PM - Until Hospitality Room (TBD)

Friday 4/12/24

7:00AM - 9:00AM Registration (Onsite Registration \$75.00)

7:30AM - 8:15AM Breakfast (TBD)

8:15AM - 8:30AM Door Prizes

08:30AM - 09:00AM Call to Order - SC UPMA

9:00AM - 12:00PM General Session / Training (TBD)

12:00PM - 1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM - Until Training / Closing

Saturday 4/13/24

7:30AM - 8:15AM Breakfast (TBD)

8:15AM - 8:30AM Door Prizes

9:00AM - 12:00PM General Session / Training (TBD)

12:00PM - 1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM - Until Training / Closing





Beaufort moves at its own pace – and you're invited to do the same while you're here. It's the kind of place that begs to be explored and enjoyed in the most out-of-the-ordinary routes and workouts.

Beaufort's intricate network of waterways that feed through the surrounding islands provide a fisherman's and boater's paradise. Some days, tour boats explore the Beaufort River from the Downtown Marina; dolphins frolic alongside the boat as guides discuss the area's marine life, history and film heritage. Tours also depart the Port Royal Landing Marina with narration on the history of the islands and information about the local waters.

Public boat ramps and marinas dot the islands, making it easy to get out on the water on your own vessel. You just have to worry about catching the big one, which may be easier than you think. Bluefish, spotted sea trout, Spanish mackerel, black sea bass, the southern flounder and more populate the area waters. No boat?

Must Do: Outdoors

- ◆ Walk the boardwalk and climb the tower at Port Royal's Sands Beach.
- ◆ Take a kayak tour of the area's rivers and estuaries.
- ◆ Explore the Cypress Wetlands Trail in Port Royal.
- ◆ Golf at one of the renowned courses.
- ◆ Climb aboard a boat tour to see dolphins in the river and birds in the marshlands.
- ◆ Go deep-sea fishing or catch the big one on the rivers with a charter company.
- ◆ Head out to Hunting Island State Park to explore the beach, lighthouse, and forest trails.
- ◆ Take part in outdoor running, biking and kayaking events.
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No problem. Rent kayaks at area outfitters join a charter fishing expedition or try your luck inshore fishing with one of the local outfitters.

Just up the road, the ACE Basin has 350,000 acres of tidal creeks, home to dolphins, alligators, eagles, ospreys and more. *Edisto Water Sports* glides a pontoon boat through this immense estuary preserve, once the site of rice plantations that brought affluence to the area prior to the Civil War.

Hunting Island State Park boasts 5,000 acres of maritime forest, complete with a campground, 5 miles of beach, an 8-mile hiking trail and the only lighthouse in South Carolina open for climbing. The park attracts more than

Beaufort's Best Views

Beaufort and its adjacent islands comprise one gigantic picture postcard. Here are a few notable places that offer some of the area's most spectacular views:

- ◆ *Historic Cuthbert House Inn & Anchorage 1770* feature spacious verandas overlooking boat-dotted Beaufort Bay. (Private)
- ◆ Stroll *Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park* to see the beauty of the Beaufort River.
- ◆ Dine at one of downtown's restaurants, *Panini's Café, Luther's, Plums Restaurant, Saltus River Grill* and *Q on Bay*.
- ◆ Grab an ice cream from *Southern Sweets Ice Cream, Common Ground's* gelato, *Yoyo's Frozen Yogurt*, or *Kilwins* and enjoy it on the swings that dot Waterfront Park.
- ◆ The eastern end of Bay Street provides a great view of the swing bridge connecting downtown Beaufort and Lady's Island.
- ◆ In historic Port Royal, go to the docks around dusk and watch the sun sink behind the shrimp boats.
- ◆ For an unparalleled view, ascend the spiral staircase of Hunting Island Lighthouse. At 132 feet, you'll see a spectacular expanse of marshes, islands, creeks and ocean.

1 million visitors annually, including those that come each March for the Hunting Island Adventure Biathlon. More leisurely paddlers can explore the surrounding inlets in search of nearly 200 bird species.

Port Royal's Cypress Wetlands Park dazzles, with boardwalks and pathways, an observation deck and awesome views. Visit at low tide to witness rarely seen creatures, like white-shelled periwinkle snails and mud hens.

Even in downtown Beaufort, nature holds dominion. "The Green," an undeveloped one-acre block in the heart of "The Point" near the Beaufort River, remains open park space.

Cultural District

The Beaufort Cultural District is a walkable section of downtown that encompasses a wide array of arts and cultural venues, organizations, businesses and events. The District has been designated by the SC Arts Commission as part of the state and national movement to utilize clusters of cultural assets to increase tourism and economic vitality through the recognition and promotion of local arts, history and culture. Beaufort's District is administered by the City's Cultural District Advisory Board, which works to foster collaboration and cohesiveness in District marketing and identity.



CULTURAL LOCATIONS

- Atelier On Bay
- Beaufort Art Association
- Beaufort History Museum
- Beaufort Visitor Center
- BeaufortPics
- Charles Street Gallery
- I. Pinckney Simons Gallery, LLC
- Indigo Gallery
- John Mark Verdier House
- Longo Art
- Longo Art (Charles St. Location)
- Rhett Gallery Inc.
- Spirit Of Old Beaufort Tours & Storytelling
- The Baptist Church Of Beaufort
- Thibault Gallery
- USCB Center For The Arts
- USCB Sea Island Gallery





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