

**North Carolina Federation of Republican Women
49th Convention, 14th Biennial Convention and
Spring Board of Directors Meeting
May 8 & 9, 2015
Sheraton Raleigh, Raleigh, North Carolina**

Schedule of Events (Updated)

Friday, May 8, 2015

10:00am – 12noon	Tour, NC General Assembly (optional) <i>16 West Jones Street, Legislative Building</i> <i>Meet at red steps just inside main entrance</i>
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting <i>(this meeting is for the NCFRW Elected Officers)</i>
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration & Credentials – Sheraton 2 nd floor, Governors II
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Spotlight Dinner with The Honorable Saira Blair – Governors II www.blairforwv.com
8:45pm	Twilight Tour – Grounds of NC Capitol (optional) <i>Depart From Sheraton Fayetteville St. Entrance (comfortable shoes)</i>
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite (Room TBA)

Saturday, May 9, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Registration & Credentials – Sheraton 2 nd Floor, Oak Forest B
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Complimentary Continental Breakfast – Oak Forest B
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	President’s Meeting – Oak Forest B
	Treasurer’s Roundtable – TBA
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Convention & Board of Directors Meeting – Oak Forest B
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Leading Ladies Luncheon with The Honorable Tammy Covil – Oak Forest A
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<u>Workshop #1 – Willow Oak</u> NC Civitas “Mapping the Left” – Susan Myrick www.mappingtheleft.com <u>Workshop #2 – Oak Forest B</u> Leadership Institute “Training Women In Politics” – Christina Aiuto www.leadershipinstitute.org

Online Eventbrite Link:

www.eventbrite.com (search for NCFRW)

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Biographies



The Honorable Delegate Saira Blair

Saira Blair is the youngest elected state representative in the country. Saira Blair (born July 11, 1996) is an American student and politician from Martinsburg, West Virginia. After the 2014 general election, she became a Republican Party Delegate in the 59th district of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Blair is a freshman studying finance at West Virginia University. She plans a career as a financial advisor and does not plan to continue a career in politics. Blair's father is Craig Blair, a Republican member of the West Virginia Senate. In the May 2014 Republican primary, she defeated West Virginia's delegate Republican incumbent, Larry Kump. Blair defeated Kump by a vote of 54.5 percent to 45.5 percent in the district, which encompasses portions of Berkeley County and Morgan County. In November 2014, she defeated Democratic Party nominee, Layne Diehl, also

of Martinsburg, in the general election by a vote of 62.69 percent to 30.38 percent, making her the youngest elected legislator in the United States. She was elected in the first election in which she was old enough to vote, and won the Republican primary at the age of 17, before she was eligible to vote.



The Honorable Tammy Covil

Tammy Covil serves as the Co-Chair of the Academic Standards Review Commission (ARSC) which is reviewing Common Core in NC.

Tammy J. Covil considers herself extremely lucky to have had the privilege of calling Wilmington home for more than 30 years. After graduating from E.A. Laney High School in 1987, she earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in accounting while working full-time. Shortly thereafter, she married her husband, Tommy Covil. Tommy is a Wilmington native and small business owner. They are the proud parents of four children, all of whom attend New Hanover County public schools. Their youngest sons will graduate high school in 2019. In addition to overseeing the family business and working part-time managing the business operations of a 501 (c) 3 organization, she also owns a freelance accounting firm that provides a wide range of professional accounting and management advisory services. Mrs. Covil has spent many years volunteering in various organizations within the community

including the Eaton Elementary School and Emma B. Trask Middle School Parent Teacher Organizations and The Pretty in Pink Foundation. In her spare time she enjoys running, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She was elected to a 4-year term on the New Hanover Board of Education in 2012. She is also a member of the Lower Cape Fear Republican Women.



The Honorable Buck Newton

A three-term Senator, **E.S. "Buck" Newton** represents District 11 in the [North Carolina State Senate](#), where he was first elected in 2010. Newton runs a private law practice in Wilson and is a small business owner. In the 2015 Senate, Newton serves as Committee Co-Chairman of both Judiciary I and Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety. He also serves on Commerce, Education/Higher Education, Finance, Information Technology, and Rules. He has served as a GOP county chairman.



Susan Myrick

NC Civitas Institute
www.MappingTheLeft.com
Susan is a special staffer with NC Civitas Institute where her emphasis over the last several years has been elections,

election law, election law reform, election funding and election trends in NC. Her Mapping The Left presentation is winning acclaim for exposing the tight network of funding on the left in NC politics.



Christina Aiuto

Leadership Institute
www.leadershipinstitute.org

Christina travels the US conducting political education training schools and grassroots workshops to promote the institute's mission to produce a new generation of public policy leaders. A Florida native, Christina has been involved in many state and federal

campaigns over the past six years in addition to her public policy experience on Capitol Hill. She worked for several years as Legislative Assistant to Congressman Vern Buchanan in DC as well his Political Director in the district for the 2010 and 2012 election cycles. She interned at NFRW with Sue Lynch.

