

Republican Party of Virginia 2016 Quadrennial Convention
April 29-30, 2016
James Madison University Convocation Center
895 University Boulevard
Harrisonburg, VA 22807
(Convening on 04/29 at 2:30 pm and on 04/30 at 12:00 pm)

Call to Convene

As Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the State Central Committee, I, John Whitbeck, do hereby issue this Call for a the Republican Party of Virginia's 2016 Quadrennial Convention (the "Convention") to be held at the James Madison University Convocation Center on April 29-30, 2016 for the following purposes:

- A. Electing 13 At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and 13 At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on July 18-21, 2016, at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention");
- B. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016;
- C. Electing a State Chairman;
- D. Electing a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- E. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Convention will open on April 29 at 2:30 pm for the election of permanent Convention officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 1:30 pm on April 30.

I further direct the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia to publish this Official Call on the Party's website and via such other means as may be necessary, in accordance with Republican National Committee Rules. I further direct the Congressional District Chairmen to call and make all necessary arrangements for Congressional District Conventions for the purpose of election three National Delegates and three National Alternates per Congressional District for a total of 33 National Delegates and 33 National Alternates to the National Convention; nominating one Elector per Congressional District to be voted for in the presidential election on November 8, 2016; electing a District Chairman; electing three members to the State Central Committee per Congressional District; and for the transaction of such other business that may properly come before the District Convention; and I further direct the Congressional District Chairmen to issue the call for each District Convention to each unit chairman within the district no later than February 1, 2016, for District Conventions to be held no later than May 21, 2016, and to publish such call in accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia's Plan of Organization

I. Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

Executed versions of the attached Statement of Qualifications shall be used to assist the Convention Credentials Committee in determining qualifications.

II. Composition of Convention

A. The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit delegation's voting strength shall equal one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. Each unit's maximum number of delegates is a number five (5) times its respective Delegate Vote. Each locality's Delegate Vote is set forth below:

County	Delegate Vote	County	Delegate Vote
ACCOMACK COUNTY	52	KING WILLIAM COUNTY	34
ALBEMARLE COUNTY	143	LANCASTER COUNTY	24

ALEXANDRIA CITY	119	LEE COUNTY	41
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	22	LEXINGTON CITY	7
AMELIA COUNTY	28	LOUDOUN COUNTY	463
AMHERST COUNTY	57	LOUISA COUNTY	58
APPOMATTOX COUNTY	35	LUNENBURG COUNTY	19
ARLINGTON COUNTY	198	LYNCHBURG CITY	122
AUGUSTA COUNTY	150	MADISON COUNTY	26
BATH COUNTY	8	MANASSAS CITY	41
BEDFORD COUNTY	182	MANASSAS PARK CITY	10
BLAND COUNTY	14	MARTINSVILLE CITY	15
BOTETOURT COUNTY	79	MATHEWS COUNTY	22
BRISTOL CITY	29	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	49
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	18	MIDDLESEX COUNTY	23
BUCHANAN COUNTY	39	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	121
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	22	NELSON COUNTY	25
BUENA VISTA CITY	9	NEW KENT COUNTY	46
CAMPBELL COUNTY	115	NEWPORT NEWS CITY	168
CAROLINE COUNTY	38	NORFOLK CITY	139
CARROLL COUNTY	55	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	17
CHARLES CITY COUNTY	9	NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY	29
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	22	NORTON CITY	6
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY	27	NOTTOWAY COUNTY	21
CHESAPEAKE CITY	331	ORANGE COUNTY	59
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	568	PAGE COUNTY	40
CLARKE COUNTY	28	PATRICK COUNTY	37
COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY	37	PETERSBURG CITY	9
COVINGTON CITY	6	PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY	124
CRAIG COUNTY	11	POQUOSON CITY	33
CULPEPER COUNTY	75	PORTSMOUTH CITY	79
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	16	POWHATAN COUNTY	72
DANVILLE CITY	50	PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY	25
DICKENSON COUNTY	26	PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY	56
DINWIDDIE COUNTY	42	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY	468
EMPORIA CITY	6	PULASKI COUNTY	55
ESSEX COUNTY	16	RADFORD CITY	15
FAIRFAX CITY	30	RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY	15
FAIRFAX COUNTY	1270	RICHMOND CITY	120
FALLS CHURCH CITY	13	RICHMOND COUNTY	14
FAUQUIER COUNTY	134	ROANOKE CITY	91
FLOYD COUNTY	29	ROANOKE COUNTY	199
FLUVANNA COUNTY	42	ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY	38
FRANKLIN CITY	9	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	157
FRANKLIN COUNTY	107	RUSSELL COUNTY	48
FREDERICK COUNTY	144	SALEM CITY	45

FREDERICKSBURG CITY	25	SCOTT COUNTY	46
GALAX CITY	8	SHENANDOAH COUNTY	80
GILES COUNTY	30	SMYTH COUNTY	53
GLOUCESTER COUNTY	75	SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY	29
GOOCHLAND COUNTY	54	SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY	198
GRAYSON COUNTY	32	STAFFORD COUNTY	204
GREENE COUNTY	35	STAUNTON CITY	33
GREENSVILLE COUNTY	11	SUFFOLK CITY	111
HALIFAX COUNTY	57	SURRY COUNTY	11
HAMPTON CITY	116	SUSSEX COUNTY	13
HANOVER COUNTY	253	TAZEWELL COUNTY	85
HARRISONBURG CITY	39	VIRGINIA BEACH CITY	603
HENRICO COUNTY	439	WARREN COUNTY	63
HENRY COUNTY	88	WASHINGTON COUNTY	113
HIGHLAND COUNTY	6	WAYNESBORO CITY	30
HOPEWELL CITY	25	WESTMORELAND COUNTY	23
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY	73	WILLIAMSBURG CITY	16
JAMES CITY COUNTY	146	WINCHESTER CITY	31
KING & QUEEN COUNTY	12	WISE COUNTY	68
KING GEORGE COUNTY	42	WYTHE COUNTY	53
		YORK COUNTY	129

B. Military Provision

Declaration. Otherwise Qualified Military Members who seek to be represented at this Convention, and who **because of the obligations of their official military orders**, are unable to attend their respective Unit mass meeting, canvass, or convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to this Convention, and that in lieu of selecting delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall send an e-mail declaration to MilitaryDelegation@Virginia.GOP not later than March 17, 2016.. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed Statement of Qualifications for State Convention Delegate, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The Chairman or his designee shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration.

Candidate Preference Ballot. Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration and by the later of seven (7) days of (i) receipt of the Member's Declaration or (ii) the filing deadline for candidates for Elector-At-Large, the Chairman or his designee shall email Qualifying Military Members a Candidate Preference Ballot, which shall also be available on the RPV website. Qualifying Military Members shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for Elector-At-Large (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to MilitaryDelegation@VirginiaGOP.com not later than March 24, 2016. The Chairman or his designee shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The Chairman or his designee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots, and reporting the results to the State Central Committee and the candidates for Elector-At-Large by no later than March 30, 2016.

Military Delegates. Persons who would otherwise qualify to be a Delegate from their local unit may request to be a Delegate to the Military Delegation instead. Such persons shall submit a pre-file Statement of Qualifications to the Chairman not later than March 30, 2016, along with any filing fee and the person's preference for candidates for Elector-At-Large, if any. Current or former active duty or reserve military or military family members are highly encouraged to serve as Military Delegates. No one may serve as both a Delegate of the Military Delegation and a Delegate representing their local unit. Copies of all Military Delegate pre-files shall be provided to all the candidates for Elector-At-Large by April 7, 2016.

Overfiles. In the event that more candidates for Delegate to the Military Delegation have pre-filed than are allowed, Delegates shall be selected on April 7, 2016 by the respective candidates for Elector-At-Large in proportion to the first-

choice results of the Candidate Preference Ballot. (e.g. If Candidate A for Elector-At-Large receives 50% of the votes cast for first choice on the Candidate Preference Ballot for Elector-At-Large, Candidate A shall select 50% of the Delegates allowed from the pool of pre-filed Delegates). In the event no candidate for Elector-At-Large makes such a selection, the Chairman shall choose the members of the Military Delegation.

Military Delegation Voting at Convention. The Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballot results of all Military Members.

III. Filing Fee

To assist the operations of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit mass meetings and conventions, and the administration of the state Convention, a candidate filing fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Convention. Failure to pay the requested filing fee will not result in disqualification.

IV. Delegate Candidate Filing Procedures

Delegate candidates required to submit pre-files may, if authorized in their respective unit's official call, do so, centrally via the RPV Chairman. Such filings may be accomplished electronically at www.Virginia.GOP, or they may complete the hardcopy pre-file form (attached hereto) and remit with any filing fee payment to the Chairman via postal mail. Whether filed electronically or via postal mail, all delegate candidate filings must be received by the date specified in the official call for the mass meeting, convention or canvass, at which the delegate candidate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern. The Executive Director is instructed to take all necessary steps to accommodate Congressional District Committees that issue calls for their respective conventions authorizing delegate candidate pre-filing to be conducted via the Republican Party of Virginia in the same manner as set forth herein for candidates for state Convention delegate.

Unit and District chairmen shall automatically receive copies of electronic pre-files from their respective election districts received by RPV. Complete official lists of pre-files for use by the respective credentials committees (each a "Pre-File Certification") will be forwarded by the Executive Director to all of the respective unit chairmen and District chairmen no later than 3 days after the deadline for submitting pre-filings.

Delegate candidates may be elected on the basis of this electronic pre-filings, but the filing shall not be deemed complete until verification of government-issued Photo Identification and a witnessed physical signature on the Statement of Qualification to be made upon registration at the Convention.

V. Candidates for Offices Filled by the Convention

- (a) Candidates for Elector-at-Large and At-Large National Delegate and At-Large National Alternate must each submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form (attached hereto) to the Chairman via postal mail to be received no later than 5:00 PM March 1, 2016. Postmarks do not govern.
- (b) Candidates for Republican Party of Virginia Chairman must submit a completed original version of the relevant filing form (attached hereto), along with a check or proof of electronic payment of a \$2,500 filing fee to the Republican Party of Virginia, to the Chairman via postal mail to be received no later than 5:00 PM January 15, 2016. Postmarks do not govern.
- (c) No nominations for offices to be filled by the Convention may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds of those delegates present.

VI. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates

- (a) Process. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at county and city mass meetings, canvasses, or conventions called by each unit for the purpose of electing delegates to their respective Quadrennial Congressional District Conventions. The election of delegates and alternates to the state Convention shall take place from February 6, 2016 and April 11, 2016 (inclusive). The deadline for pre-filing as a candidate for Convention delegate shall not be earlier than January 23, 2016.
- (b) No "Slating". With the exception where a unit has more qualified State, District or Legislative District Convention delegate candidates than may be elected ("Overfiles"), all delegate candidates who met the requirements of Article I and, where required, any pre-filing requirements, shall be deemed elected unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. In the event of Overfiles, a unit shall elect not less than the total number of delegates allowed under the Plan unless there are individual votes on each candidate not to be elected. In the event of Overfiles, in no event shall delegate candidates who have not paid the requested filing fee be elected unless all delegate candidates who have paid the fee and who are qualified under Article I of the Party

Plan shall have been elected first. The Convention may refuse to seat delegations from units not following these procedures.

- (c) Cancellation. A unit may include in the Official Call for its mass meeting, canvass, or convention to elect Convention delegates a provision deeming all qualified pre-filed delegate candidates to be elected in the event those persons are fewer in number than the total number of allowable delegates from such unit.

VII. Certification of Delegates

Delegates and alternate delegates elected by each unit mass meeting, canvass, or convention shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary. Such Delegation Certifications shall be made in similar form as any Pre-Filing Certification received from RPV, and should be delivered electronically or in person to the Chairman or his designee requested 72 hours after (i) the election of the delegation, or (ii) if deemed elected pursuant to Section VI(d), the originally scheduled date of the election, but in no event less than sixteen (16) days prior to the convening of the Convention if postmarked or fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of said Convention if delivered electronically or in person (as indicated in Section H.1.c of the Party Plan).

VIII. Official Correspondence

All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman via postal mail must be sent to John Whitbeck, Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia, P.O. Box 12025, Richmond, VA 23241

All submissions required or allowed by this Official Call to be transmitted to the Chairman via electronic means must be sent via email to 2016-Convention@rpv.org, unless the Chairman or his designee has provided prior written consent to the use of other means (e.g., FTP, DropBox, and so forth).

IX. Official Documents

Attached to this Official Call are the following official documents:

- (a) Proposed Convention Rules;
- (b) Hardcopy Pre-File Form and Statement of Qualifications for Convention Delegate Candidates;
- (c) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large Elector;
- (d) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large National Delegate;
- (e) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for At-Large National Alternate;
- (f) Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for National Committeewoman/Committeeman;
- (g) Filing Form for and Statement of Qualifications Candidates for State Chairman.