

5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIAL 2016 CONVENTION CALL

As Chairman of the Fifth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the State Party Plan, and as directed by the District Committee, I, Lynn Tucker, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention to be held:

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM
Nelson County High School
Lovington, VA
OR

An alternate site if necessary for the following purposes:

- a) Election of 3 National Delegates for the 2016 Republican National Convention
- b) Election of 3 Alternate National Delegates for the 2016 Republican National Convention
- c) Election of 1 Elector for the 2016 Presidential Election
- d) Election of 3 State Central Committee Members
- e) Election of District Committee Chairman
- f) Election of Candidate for 2016 Congressional Election
- g) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

All legal and qualified voters of the 5th Congressional District 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 a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in this 5th Congressional District Convention.

REGISTRATION:

Convention registration shall begin at 9:00 AM EDT and shall conclude at 11:00 AM.

All Delegates in line at 11:00 AM shall be allowed to register. The Convention shall be called to order at 11:00 AM or upon registration of all Delegates in line at 11:00 AM. Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention or of any Committee, thereof shall be in order.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION:

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Each Unit shall have one delegate vote per 250 votes of "Republican Voting Strength" as defined in the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization ("The Plan"). Delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses, or conventions called for this purpose by each unit committee in conformity with the Plan. The maximum number of delegates and delegate votes of each Unit shall be as follows:

Locality	Delegate Vote	Max # Delegates
Military Delegation	1	No Maximum
Albemarle County	143	715
Appomattox County	35	175
Bedford County	90	450
Brunswick County	18	90
Buckingham County	22	110
Campbell County	115	575
Charlotte County	22	110
Charlottesville City	27	135
Cumberland County	16	80
Danville City	50	250
Fauquier County	107	535
Fluvanna County	42	210
Franklin County	107	535
Greene County	35	175
Halifax County	57	285
Henry County	22	110
Lunenburg County	19	95
Madison County	26	130
Mecklenburg County	49	245
Nelson County	25	125
Pittsylvania County	124	620
Prince Edward County	25	125
Rappahannock County	15	75
Unit Totals	1192	5955

The number of alternates a unit may have shall equal the number of delegates to which it is entitled. The delegates present in a given unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the body electing the delegates has determined another method.

DISTRICT CONVENTION VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FEE:

Every person elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 5th District Convention will be asked to pay a voluntary \$25.00 fee to help cover the Convention expenses. This fee will be paid to the Unit represented and the Unit will pay the 5th District Committee. Preferential seating will be given to Units based on the percentage of Pre-Certified Delegates remitting the fee. Delegates remitting the fee will receive an upgraded convention kit and notation on their credentials.

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

Delegate candidates required by their Unit Call to submit pre-files may, **IF** authorized in their respective Unit's Official Call, do so by email to **5thconvention@rpv.org**. Whether filed by email, via postal mail, or other methods, all Delegate Candidate filings must be received by the **date specified** in the Official Call for the mass meeting, canvass, or convention at which the Delegate Candidate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern. The RPV Executive Director has been instructed in the State Convention Call 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 (RPV) in the same manner as set forth for Candidates for State Convention Delegate

Unit Chairmen shall automatically receive copies of email 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 no later than three days after the Unit deadline for submitting pre-filings.

Delegate Candidates may be elected on the basis of this email pre-filing, but the filing shall not be deemed complete until verification by the Unit each candidate is a registered voter of the locality in which elected, upon presentation of a government-issued photo identification, and a witnessed physical signature on the Statement of Qualification to be made upon registration at the Convention.

Units choosing to not pre-file Delegates and Alternates by email are instructed to collect Delegate Candidate respective names, addresses (including zip codes), and phone numbers and where available e-mail addresses with the attached 5th District Delegate Application and to enter Delegate data into the attached spreadsheet for electronic submission to 5thDistrictGopVA@gmail.com within three business days of their mass meeting.

To the Unit Chairman or Permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary of the Unit Mass Meeting, Convention, or Party Canvass: All Certifications and applicable fees, regardless of the date of the Unit Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention must be submitted not later than **APRIL 20, 2016**. It is the responsibility of the Unit Chair to confirm receipt of the certifications and fees with the District Chairman.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Certification packets from each Unit should include the following:

- a) A copy of the Unit Call of the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 5th District Convention.
- b) Unit check for Convention fees remitted by 5th District Convention Delegates.
- c) Original 5th District Delegate application of elected Delegates OR printed copy of the email form of the elected Delegates received from the RPV Executive Director.
- d) Printed copy of official Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates
- e) Completed Delegate Certification form attached to this Call.

Certification packets should be mailed or delivered as follows:

Original with check to:

Lynn Tucker, Chair
5th Congressional Republican Committee
1324 Columbus Rd
Penhook, VA 24137

Second Copy to:

Sandra Warren, Secretary
5th Congressional Republican Committee
3000 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540

Third Copy:

Unit's permanent records

Military Provision Declaration

Otherwise Qualified Military Members (QMM) 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 email declaration to Military Delegation Committee (MDC) Chair Travis Witt at the email address 5thDistrictGopVa@gmail.com not later than April 11, 2016. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed Statement of Qualifications for District Convention Delegate, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The MDC Chairman shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration. Should no confirmation be received, contact the District Chairman.

Candidate Preference Ballot

Subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration, QMMs will be, between the dates April 18 - 20, 2016, sent two Candidate Preference Ballots. QMMs shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for Congressional candidate and Elector (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to 5thDistrictGopVA@gmail.com not later than April 29, 2016. The MDC Chairman shall email respond to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each emailed returned ballot. The Chairman of the Convention Elections-Tabulation Committee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots, and reporting the results in total to the 5th District Committee, the candidates for Congress, and the candidates for Elector no later May 6, 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 MDC Chairman not later than April 11, 2016, along with any filing fee, and the person's preference for candidate for Congress or Elector, 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. Military Delegate pre-files shall be provided to the candidates for Congress and Elector by April 22, 2016.

Military Delegation Voting at Convention.

The Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballots results of all Military Members.

CANDIDACY FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Any person who desires to seek election to one of the positions listed in the Call at the District Convention shall file a completed and signed Declaration of Candidacy, no later than 5:00 PM, March 31, 2016 at 1324 Columbus Rd, Penhook, VA 24137. Postmarks will not govern, and it is the responsibility of the Candidate to confirm receipt of their Declaration with the Chairman. The Declaration of Candidacy form is attached to this Call and a separate form must be completed for each position a Candidate seeks.

The following, in addition to the signed declaration of candidacy, shall pay a filing fee payable to the 5th District Republican Committee:

Candidate for National/Alternate National Delegate	\$ 100.00
Candidate for Elector	\$ 100.00
Candidate for State Central Committee	\$ 100.00
Candidate for District Chairman	\$ 500.00
Candidate for Congress	\$ 6,900.00

No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention.

If only one qualified candidate properly files for District Chairman, Congressional Candidate, or Elector, that candidate shall be deemed elected.

BALLOTING:

Balloting shall not begin before 11:30 AM or until all Convention Delegates in line by 11:00 AM have been registered.

Elector, District Chairman, and Congressional Candidate shall be decided by majority vote. Balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, with the candidate receiving the lowest vote being dropped after each ballot.

On the ballot for National Delegates, convention delegates may vote for six candidates. The top three candidates with plurality votes will be deemed elected National Delegates and the second three highest will be deemed Alternate National Delegate.

Should any National Delegates not be able to attend the National Convention, the Alternate Delegates will rise to the position of National Delegates by plurality of votes.

On the ballot for State Central Committee Members, convention delegates may vote for three candidates. The top three candidates with plurality votes will be deemed elected.

Any ballot ties at the convention will be resolved by an additional ballot under the direction of the District Chair, with the Chair abstaining from the vote. A subsequent tie of the additional ballot, will be decided by the Chairman.

Resolutions

All resolutions shall be received by the District Chairman no later than April 29, 2016 to allow review of all resolutions by the Resolutions Committee. Postmarks will not govern for resolutions mailed. Resolutions may be emailed to 5thDistrictGopVA@gmail.com. It is the responsibility of the resolution patron to confirm receipt of the resolution by the Chairman.

Committees

Members of the Temporary Convention Arrangements include:

Melvin Adams, Zone 2 Vice Chair	Credentials Committee Chair
Carlton Balowe, Nelson County Unit	Nominations Committee Chair
Cindy Koether, Prince Edward Unit	Elections-Tabulation Committee Chair
Clara Bell Wheeler, SCC Member	Elections-Balloting Committee Chair
Korey Snead, Zone 3 Vice Chair	Resolutions Committee Chair
Bill Harville, Zone 1 Vice Chair	Rules Committees Committee Chair
Travis Witt, SCC Member	Military Delegation Committee Chair

Each Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the Delegates present and voting at the Convention. Should any Convention Committee Chairman be unable to complete their duties or be unable to attend, an alternate Convention Committee Chairman will be appointed by the District Chairman for that Convention Committee.

The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Bylaws of the 5th Congressional District Republican Committee, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition.

Authorized and paid for by the 5th Congressional District Republican Committee