



Republican Party of Virginia
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State Board of Elections
1100 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219

State Board of Elections,

I write to you today to inform you that the Republican Party of Virginia has chosen to a state-run primary as the method for selecting our Presidential nominee in 2016. Pursuant to (§24.2-545) of the Code of Virginia, I am notifying the State Board of Elections of the Republican Party of Virginia's choice.

The Primary method was chosen by a vote of the Republican Party's State Central Committee on June 27, 2015. I have attached a copy of the minutes of the meeting as further proof of our selection.

While I realize our Party's Primary is already listed on the State Board of Election's website, I want to ensure the Code was being followed to the letter.

In addition to our Party's choice of a Primary, I also write today to inform the State Board of Elections that the State Central Committee of our Party voted to require voters who wish to participate in the March 1, 2016 Republican Presidential Primary must sign a Statement of Intent.

Our State Central Committee voted to have this requirement added at our Fall meeting on September 19, 2015. Minutes of the meeting as well as a copy of the statement of intent are attached to this letter. The request for the statement of intent is in line with (§24.2-545) and well within the 90 days prior to the Primary required by the Code.

Our Party is open to paying for the production and shipping of the Statements of Intent as long as we are able to determine the printer, material, and size of the documents.

If there are any additional documents that need to be filled out to inform the State Board of Elections of our determination, please email our Executive Director, John Findlay, jfindlay@rpv.org or call our office at (804) 780-0111. Thank you for your time and assistance on this issue.

Sincerely,

John Whitbeck

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2016 Presidential Preference Primary

Statement of Republican Party Affiliation

Virginia does not register voters by political party. Virginia law allows a political party to ask that voters in its Presidential Primary affiliate with that party.

My signature below indicates that I am a Republican.

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Printed Name*	Signature*
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Email Address	Phone
*Required	

State Central Committee

June 27, 2015

Staunton, VA

The meeting of the Republican Party of Virginia State Central Committee was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chairman John Whitbeck. He announced that the theme of the meeting is defeating Hillary Clinton. The meeting took place at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center in Staunton, VA.

Western Vice Chairwoman Suzanne Curran gave the invocation.

College Republican Federation of Virginia (CRFV) member Devon Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

College Republican Federation of Virginia President Kasha Nielsen recited the Republican creed.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to call the roll which was as follows:

John	Whitbeck	Steve	Albertson	Marcy	Hernick
Michael	Thomas	Larry	Kile	Jerry	Lester
Morton	Blackwell	Carol	Dawson	Susan	Edwards
Kathy	Hayden	Carl	Anderson	Heidi	Stirrup
Diana	Banister	Stephen	Corazza	Julie	Williams
Rich	Nilsen	Barbara	Tabb	Mark	Berg
Chris	Marston	Steve	Trent	Kay	Gunter
Eric	Herr	Bill	Flanagan	Eve	Gleason
Curtis	Colgate	Rick	Michael	Keith	Damon
Chris	Stearns	Bob	Wheeler	Patsy	Drain
Jack	Wilson	Carole	de Triquet	David	Ray
Wendell	Walker	Renee	Maxey	Devon	Flynn
Fred	Gruber	Chris	Shores	Daniel	Webb
Mark	Kelly	Peyton	Knight	Michael	Wood
Adam	Tolbert	ClaraBelle	Wheeler	Elizabeth	Mundy
Jo	Thoburn	Travis	Witt		
Terry	Wear	Georgia	Alvis-Long		
Kasha	Nielsen	Joseph	Sonsmith		
John	Scott	Gene	Rose		
Linda	Bartlett	Anne	Fitzgerald		
Jackson	Miller	Jane	Ladd		
John	Cosgrove	Doug	Rogers		
Kevin	Gentry	Marie	Quinn		
Juanita	Balenger	Kristi	Way		
Suzanne	Curran	David	Fuller		
		Kevin	Corbett		

The Chairman designated Young Republican Federation of Virginia (YRFV) President Daniel Webb as head of the proxy committee. Eighteen proxies were in order and the following members were in attendance by proxy:

Anne P. Le Huray, proxy held by Paul Blumstein
Jeanine M. Lawson, proxy held by Russ Moulton
R. Allen Webb, proxy held by Jeremy E. Hodes
Stephen Thomas, proxy held by Carolyn Worssam
Jake Lee, proxy held by Katherine Gaziano
K. Michelle Jenkins, proxy held by Ross Jenkins
James P. Massie, III, proxy held by Greg Habeeb
Al Aitken, proxy held by Richard McDonnell
Noah Wall, proxy held by Meredith Wall
Bryce E. Reeves, proxy held by Steve Martin
Matthew A Burrow, proxy held by Robert Kenyon
Miki (Mildred S.) Miller, proxy held by Jean M. Gannon
Lynn Tucker, proxy held by Bill Harville
Mickey Mixon, proxy held by Nate Boyer
Chip Muir, proxy held by Lee Talley
Cheryl Hargrove, proxy held by Gary Byler
Peter A. Snyder, proxy held by Spike Williams
Roger E. Miles, proxy held by Waverly Woods

Second District Member Carl Anderson made a motion that the first order of business in the new business discussion be an urgent legal matter regarding the 24th Senate District.

Mr. Russ Moulton, proxy for Jeanine Lawson, made a substitute motion that it be the second item of business after the Party Plan Amendments.

Third District Member Carol De Trique questioned the motion and that the body has not had enough time to review the situation and documents involved. Sixth District Chairman Wendall Walker, Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) Chair Linda Bartlett and Sixth District Member Georgia Alvis-Long agreed and suggested there was not enough notice given to take up the issue today.

Mr. Anderson said the issue needs to be decided as the deadline for filing the *Amicus* brief is July 7.

Eleventh District Member David Ray clarified that the motion was simply to put it on the agenda, not the merits of the point.

A call for the question on the substitute motion was made to add the issue to the agenda. The motion was seconded. With eighty members in attendance and forty-five in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

The Chairman announced the agenda in order for the meeting is the Party Plan Amendments, the 24th District situation, and then the vote on the RPV nominating process.

A motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2015 meeting was made by Senator John Cosgrove and seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 2014 meeting that had been deferred in previous meetings. The motion was seconded and passed by the body.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 2:04 pm. The motion was seconded and the SCC meeting proceeded.

The Treasurer and Finance Chairman reports were incorporated in Chairman's report during the Executive Session.

Old business:

Eleventh District Chairman Terry Wear made a motion that all the agenda items should be voted on through a secret ballot. Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

Mr. Moulton stated his opposition to the motion for the reason that grassroots activists have a right to know where members stand on the issues.

Eleventh District Member David Ray raised a Point of Order that the motion is out of order because it is not part of the agenda.

The Chairman appointed Kevin Gentry as temporary Parliamentarian, and he deferred the discussion of the motion until after the Party Plan Amendments are discussed.

Party Plan Amendments

Party Plan Committee Chair Eve Gleason gave a report on activity of the Party Plan Committee and presented to SCC Members their recommendations for Amendments to the Party Plan. She discussed each of the Amendments with an overhead presentation.

Ms. Gleason made a motion to approve the Party Plan Amendments as a block, seconded by Gary Byler.

Mrs. Bartlett suggested that those Amendments that were not unanimous recommendations by the Party Plan Committee be discussed separately.

The recommended Party Plan Amendments that passed unanimously in the committee were numbers 1,2,3,4,7 & 8.

Del. Jackson Miller made a motion to adopt those Amendments that had been passed unanimously as a block. The motion was seconded by Sen. John Cosgrove and passed.

Those Amendments are as follows:

#1. Preamble:

The preamble constitutes a mission & purpose statement for the RPV.

PREAMBLE

Purpose of Organization

The Republican Party of Virginia is a free association organized for the purposes of promoting the principles and achieving the objectives of the Republican Party, electing duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to public office, and performing official actions within the Commonwealth of Virginia, consistent with these purposes.

#2. Definition: RPV

"RPV" is already used this way in the Party Plan, but is nowhere defined.

Article II, #1

"State Party" or "Party" or "RPV" means Republican Party of Virginia

#3. Definition: Voting Strength

Moves formulas from the definition to Article VIII,

Section F.

Article II, #14

14 "Republican Party Voting Strength" means a uniform ratio of the votes cast in a political subdivision for the Republican candidates for Governor and President to the total votes cast in the entire Election District for the Republican candidates for Governor and President in the last preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections, as calculated according to Article VIII, Section F.

Article V

SECTION F. Unit Representation

Representation in all State and District Conventions shall be by Units based upon the Republican Party Voting Strength, but each unit shall be entitled to at least one delegate vote. In all proceedings for nominations for statewide office, the relevant Unit shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 250 votes. **In all proceedings at the District level, the relevant Unit shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 100 to 500 votes. In all proceedings at the local and Legislative District level, the relevant political subdivision shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 25 to 500 votes.** The exact number shall be decided by the appropriate Official District Committee and included in the call.

For the purposes of, and limited to, determining the Republican Party Voting strength of a Military Delegation at a Party convention called to nominate a candidate for election to a public office, such Voting Strength shall be the average percentage of the Republican vote in the immediately preceding Gubernatorial and Presidential elections among all units and portions of units comprising the convention multiplied by the total number of active-duty military absentee votes cast in such units and portions of units in the same Gubernatorial and Presidential elections.

#4. Explanation of Pronouns

Strikes Article II, #19 and adds sufficient explanatory language in the closing paragraph of Article II.

Article II, closing paragraph, NEW 1st sentence:

With respect to this document, whenever the singular or plural number, or masculine or feminine or neuter gender, is used herein, it shall equally include the others as the context may require.

Article II, NEW #27

28. "Political Party" means a formal organization which nominates candidates for public office.

#7. Finance Committee

Gives the chair flexibility for recruiting members of committee

Article III, Section E

2. Finance Committee

a. There shall be a State Finance Committee comprised of the State Finance Committee **Chairman, appointed by the State Chairman** and one (1) member from each District, who shall be appointed by the District Chairman. The State Chairman is authorized to appoint additional members to the State Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for fund raising activities of the Party which shall be developed in coordination with the Budget Committee. **The State Chairman or the Finance Chairman shall provide the State Central Committee with regular updates on the activities of the Finance Committee.**

#8. Consistency in Familial

Relationships

Adds step-parents to definition of family member.

Article III, Section F

2. The term "material financial interest" shall mean a financial interest of any kind which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect a Responsible Person's or family member's judgment with respect to transactions in which the Party is involved. The term "family member" shall mean a spouse, parent, **spouse of a parent**, child, spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister.

The Chairman announced that the remaining Amendments would receive five minutes each for debate and discussion.

Ms. Gleason proceeded to go through the other Amendments.

Mr. Gentry made a motion to table the Amendments under discussion to the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Gleason and the Party Plan Committee for their work on these Amendments to the Party Plan

24th Senate District Committee Appeal

Pursuant to the earlier discussion regarding the 24th District situation, Mr. Anderson made a motion as follows:

1. The State Central Committee as the governing body of the Republican Party of Virginia, endowed with the authority to make definitive determinations about the application and interpretation of the Party Plan of Organization ("Plan"), hereby directs the Chairman to indicate the Party's rights violated by application of Virginia Code Section §24.2-509 and a misapplication of the provisions of the plan by US District Court for the Western District of Virginia in support of a mistaken inclusion that the Party has acceded to such violation of its rights. 2. Specifically, the Chairman shall direct that an appropriate Motion and *Amicus Curiae* brief be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth District, vigorously supporting the position of the 24th Republican Senate District Committee. The Motion and the brief shall be filed as soon as possible, but regardless, no later than the period of time permitted for such filing under the federal rules of Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. 3. The Chairman, on behalf of the party shall employ the services of Patrick J. McSweeney, Esquire for this purpose but shall expend no funds of the Party in doing so. 4. Mr. McSweeney is hereby given full authority to articulate in the aforesaid Motion and Brief such arguments which he believes reasonable and proper against the constitutionality of the Act and clarifying that the Act is not incorporated into the Plan, nor is the application facilitated or acceded to by the Plan. Further, Mr. McSweeney may file a reply brief, participate in oral argument and play such other role in the pending case as he deems appropriate in his best judgment.

First District Chairman Eric Herr seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Daniel Webb that would strike Paragraph 4, leaving it to the Chairman to decide on the legal strategy. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued and then a vote was taken. The motion carried, thus the motion would be the first 3 points above.

Mr. Moulton spoke in favor of the motion, but made an addition of a paragraph four that the "State Central Committee hereby resolves that the Act is not incorporated into the Party Plan nor is facilitated by or acceded to the Plan."

The motion was seconded by Tenth District Member Heidi Stirrup. The amendment by Mr. Moulton was adopted.

After further discussion on the motion, the question was called. The motion is as follows:

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With the majority in favor, Mr. Anderson's amended motion was adopted.

2015 Nomination process

Eleventh District Chairman Terry Wear made a motion to have the nomination vote taken via secret ballot. Mr. Walker seconded to the motion.

Mr. Herr made a substitute motion, calling for a roll call vote on the nomination process stating that "everyone stands up for their position and their vote." Mr. Ray seconded the motion and spoke in favor of it.

An in-depth discussion ensued on the merits of each motion with an emphasis on respect and unity within the body.

Senator Cosgrove called the question and was seconded.

Third District Chairman Chris Stearns requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion.

First District Congressional Member Allen Webb offered a substitute motion calling for a secret ballot for this vote. This motion was ruled out of order by the Chairman following a Parliamentary Inquiry as the request had already been made to have a roll call vote.

The Chairman explained that a roll call vote would be taken as the request by Mr. Stearns indicated. The roll call vote on Mr. Herr's substitute motion was as follows:

John	Whitbeck	--	Barbara	Tabb	No
Michael	Thomas	No	Stephen	Thomas	Aye
Morton	Blackwell	Aye	Chip	Muir	No
Kathy	Hayden	No	Steve	Trent	No
Diana	Banister	No	Bill	Flanagan	No
Rich	Nilsen	Aye	Rick	Michael	No
Chris	Marston	--	Bob	Wheeler	No
Pete	Snyder	Aye	Carole	de Triquet	No
Eric	Herr	Aye	Renee	Maxey	Aye
Curtis	Colgate	No	Chris	Shores	Aye
Chris	Stearns	Aye	Peyton	Knight	Aye
Jack	Wilson	No	ClaraBelle	Wheeler	No
Lynn	Tucker	No	Travis	Witt	Aye
Wendell	Walker	No	Georgia	Alvis-Long	No
Fred	Gruber	Aye	Mickey	Mixon	Aye
Mark	Kelly	Aye	Joseph	Sonsmith	Aye
Adam	Tolbert	No	Gene	Rose	Aye
Jo	Thoburn	Aye	Anne	Fitzgerald	Aye
Terry	Wear	No	Jane	Ladd	No
Kasha	Nielsen	No	Doug	Rogers	No
Daniel	Webb	No	Marie	Quinn	No
Linda	Bartlett	No	Kristi	Way	No
Jackson	Miller	Aye	David	Fuller	No
John	Cosgrove	No	Noah	Wall	Aye
Kevin	Gentry	No	Anne	LeHuray	Aye
Juanita	Balenger	No	Matthew	Burrow	Aye
Al	Aitken	Aye	Kevin	Corbett	No
Suzanne	Curran	Aye	Michelle	Jenkins	No
			Marcy	Hernick	No
			Jerry	Lester	No
Steve	Albertson	Aye	Susan	Edwards	Abstain
Jeanine	Lawson	Aye	Heidi	Stirrup	Aye
Larry	Kile	Aye	Julie	Williams	Aye
Allen	Webb	Aye	Mark	Berg	Aye
Carol	Dawson	Aye	Kay	Gunter	Aye
Roger	Miles	Aye	Eve	Gleason	Aye
Carl	Anderson	Aye	Keith	Damon	Abstain
Cheryl	Hargrove	Aye	Patsy	Drain	No
Stephen	Corazza	No	David	Ray	Aye

Devon	Flynn	No	Miki	Miller	No
Jake	Lee	No	Elizabeth	Mundy	No
Jeff	Wernsing	Aye	Jimmie	Massie	No
Michael	Wood	Aye	Bryce	Reeves	No

The meeting was adjourned while the vote was calculated. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 3:44 pm.

Voting on the substitute motion, the roll call vote regarding the nominating process, the motion failed by a vote of 41 opposed, 39 in favor and 2 abstentions.

A Parliamentary Inquiry was raised regarding a current member of the State Central Committee in regards to whether he is a resident of the 3rd district. The matter was cleared up and shown that he is still a registered voter and a resident of the Commonwealth.

Back to the underlying motion by Mr. Wear to have a secret ballot, Del. Jackson called the question and the vote was taken by Members standing.

With 42 members voting in the affirmative, the motion to take a secret ballot on the 2016 nominating process passed.

Chairman Whitbeck explained the discussion parameters for those on both sides of the issue as to whether to have a primary or a convention next year. After two presentations on the options for the nominating method are given, each person speaking on the issue will receive one minute to make their case. The debate will be cut off at one hour.

First District Member Steve Albertson gave a presentation on the benefits of holding a convention in 2016.

Daniel Webb made a presentation on the benefits of a primary that was a plan developed by Third District Member Chip Muir, proposing a primary be the method in 2016 and a convention be the nominating method in 2017.

Chairman Whitbeck made a plea to the body that whatever is decided today, that the body stand together after it is over.

One hour for discussion and debate commenced.

Committeeman Morton Blackwell presented a resolution pursuant to the rules that a convention be the RPV nominating process in 2016. His motion is as follows:

1. That, pursuant to RNC Rule 16(d)(iii), the State Central Committee hereby selects the Republican Party in of Virginia's 2016 Quadrennial Convention as the authority that shall bind Virginia's delegation

to the 2016 Republican National Convention, and hereby declines to select, or bind delegates, via a state-run, open primary, as contemplated in Virginia Code §24.2-545.

2. That the State Central Committee appoints a committee co-chaired by Ms. Cathy McNickle and First District Representative Steve Albertson, with membership appointed by Chairman Whitbeck, to draft the necessary plans, procedures, and instructive materials pursuant to the RNC Rule 16(f) for adoption by the State Central Committee. The package to be drafted by the sub-committee shall include a draft Convention Call, draft rules, proposed filing fees for presidential and delegate candidates, proposed statewide uniform delegate pre-file forms and procedures, Convention timeline, proposed Convention voting procedures and such other materials that Chairman Whitbeck or sub-committee Co-Chairman Albertson may direct.

3. That the State Central Committee authorizes Chairman Whitbeck to take all necessary steps in due haste to secure the largest and best venue for the 2016 Quadrennial Convention, to be held on March 18-19, 2016, with a recommendation that the John Paul Jones Arena be given highest priority. The Chairman has the discretion to choose an alternative date if necessary and to secure a superior venue. The State Central Committee further authorizes the Chairman to expend the necessary funds for any down payment, or deposit for such facility, up to \$40,000, with the understanding that such advancement of funds that will be immediately paid back to RPV for the anticipated Presidential Candidate filing fees.

4. That the State Central Committee authorizes Chairman Whitbeck to call a meeting of the State Central Committee no later than the third week of September for the purpose of reviewing, amending, and approving the package of materials drafted by the committee that must be filed with the Secretary of the Republican National Committee no later than October 1st, 2015.

Mr. Blackwell's motion was seconded.

YRFV's Daniel Webb offered a Substitute Motion as follows:

In accordance with the state Party Plan, and the rules of the Republican National Committee, I move that Virginia's Delegates and Alternates to the 2016 National Convention shall be elected by the respective District and State Conventions, and that their votes be bound by the results of the Republican Presidential Primary, to be held on March 1, 2016.

The votes of Virginia's delegates, district, at-large Delegates, and Alternates, shall be bound on the first ballot, proportionally to candidates according to the votes received in the State-wide Presidential Primary vote. For the purpose of this allocation of votes, the State Chairman, National Committeewoman, and National Committeeman shall be considered unbound delegates.

In addition, it is recommended that RPV hold a 2017 nominating convention for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. RPV shall establish a restricted account to be used for convention expenses. Money can be donated or transferred to the account, if it's expressly designated, and can only be drawn for use to pay expenses related to the 2017 convention.

Mr. Webb's motion was seconded.

Debate and discussion commenced with numerous members speaking on both motions.

The question was called and the vote on the substitute motion by Mr. Webb was done through secret ballot. The ballots were handed to each member as their names were called from the roll.

At 5:03 p.m. the vote on the 2016 nomination process was taken. The meeting recessed as the votes were counted.

With a vote of 42 in favor and 40 opposed with one abstention, the substitute motion was adopted.

There was a brief discussion regarding how delegates would be selected proportionally in accordance with RNC rules. Mr. Blackwell made a Motion that a committee be appointed, similar to the one outlined in his previous motion, that would develop a plan for the primary and the rules regarding delegates that would be presented to the SCC at the September meeting. He emphasized that these issues must be discussed soon in order to comply with the RNC rules.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

As Majority Whip of the House of Delegates, Del. Jackson spoke of the need to focus not just on the Senate races next year but assuring that the House stays in Republican hands as well. He encouraged each Member to give 9 candidates in key races \$10 each in order to keep the majority next year.

Seventh District Chairman Fred Gruber announced a Coalition Assembly taking place in August with an emphasis on State Senate races.

Mr. Wear reported that the legal situation with a campaign manager under investigation for FEC violations has been resolved.

Ms. Nielsen gave a report on College Republicans with 29 chapters strong in the Commonwealth and events and deployments to help candidates across Virginia.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. After a second and a vote on the motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

State Central Committee

September 19, 2015

Richmond, VA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia Chairman (RPV) John Whitbeck, at 2:05 pm. The meeting was held at the Republican Party headquarters in Richmond, VA.

The Invocation was given by Fourth District Chairman Jack Wilson.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Republican Creed was led by College Republican Federation of Virginia (CRFV) President Kasha Nielson.

The Chairman appointed a Proxy committee chaired by 7th District Member Jane Ladd with 10th District Member Heidi Stirrup and 9th District Member Kevin Corbett. They reported twenty-one proxies were in order.

Secretary Diana Banister called the roll. Those present were as follows:

John	Whitbeck	Steve	Albertson	Jane	Ladd
Michael	Thomas	Larry	Kile	Marie	Quinn
Morton	Blackwell	Carol	Dawson	Kristi	Way
Kathy	Hayden	Roger	Miles	Noah	Wall
Diana	Banister	Carl	Anderson	Kevin	Corbett
Rich	Nilsen	Cheryl	Hargrove	Michelle	Jenkins
Chris	Marston	Barbara	Tabb	Susan	Edwards
Pete	Snyder	Steve	Trent	Heidi	Stirrup
Eric	Herr	Bill	Flanagan	Julie	Williams
Jack	Wilson	Rick	Michael	Mark	Berg
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Kevin	Gentry	Mickey	Mixon	John	Hager
Juanita	Balenger	Gene	Rose		
Suzanne	Curran	Anne	Fitzgerald		

Those in attendance via proxy were as follows:

Al Aitken, proxy held by Richard McDowell
Mark Kelly, proxy held by Meredith Wall
Stephen Corazza, proxy held by Chris Brown
Curtis Colgate proxy held by David Bartholomew
Adam Tolbert, proxy held by Zack Thompson
Jerry Lester, proxy held by W. Wayne Thurston
Marcy Hernick, proxy held by Aidan Williams
Jackson Miller, proxy held by Rich Anderson
Douglas Rogers, proxy held by John Hager
David Fuller, proxy held by Donald Williams
Daniel Webb, proxy held by Samantha Sedivy
Sen. Bryce Reeves, proxy held by Sen. Steve Martin
Matthew Burrow, proxy held by Robert Kenyon
Eve Marie Gleason, proxy held by Michael Williams
Jake Lee, proxy held by Benjamin Dessart
Jo Thoburn, proxy held by Eric Johnson
Elizabeth Mundy, proxy held by Terri Hauser
Allen Webb, proxy held by Debra Harper
Peyton Knight, proxy held by Shawna Shriner
David Ray, proxy held by Fredy Burgos
Heidi Stirrup, proxy held by Mark Sell

Regarding the minutes from the July 27 meeting, First District Member Carol Dawson had a correction. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 27 meeting with this correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Whitbeck reported on the activities of the Party including a communications plan that will be more aggressive. He also said that regional political directors will be important to the work of the Party and are very effective at the local level for the upcoming elections. He said the goal in the coming months is Party unity which is very important to winning in 2016.

The Chairman discussed the decisions that will be made today and he reiterated his opposition to "slating." The body will vote on a "statement of affiliation" and decide on the process for allocating delegates next year.

There was a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting returned to regular order at 3:02 pm.

First District Chairman Eric Herr made a motion to approve the "Statement of Republican Party Affiliation" form (attached) that would be used at precincts for the 2016 primary. The proposed document was presented to the body with a line added at the bottom that an asterisk indicates a required field. The motion received a second.

Discussion commenced as to the appropriate statement and how it would be dispensed at polling places.

There was a motion to call the question. After a second, the question was called. The vote was counted by members standing. With forty-four in favor, a majority of the body present (74), the motion carried and the statement adopted.

The Chairman asked for a motion to remove from the agenda the discussion of a "loyalty pledge" of support by GOP nominees. The motion was made and seconded. The motion carried and the item was removed.

Chairman Whitbeck recognized Eastern Vice Chairman Kevin Gentry explained that a Committee had been assembled to put together the Call for the 2016 Convention the reasons there has to be a convention next year that will determine who will be delegates to the Republican National Convention. He reported that the requirements need to be completed and submitted to the Republican National Committee by Oct. 1. The Chairman assembled a Rules Committee to draft The Call that was chaired by Mr. Gentry and included Del. Jackson Miller, First District Members Allen Webb and Steve Albertson, CRFV's Daniel Webb, Eve Gleason, and Ninth District Chairman Adam Tolbert.

Mr. Gentry said the convention would take place at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, April 29-30, 2016. He made a motion to approve the draft official Call that had been sent to committee members via e-mail.

First District Member Steve Albertson made a motion to amend the Call by adding a military provision and clarifying the election of delegates and alternate delegates in order to prevent "slating." He explained the types of methods units may implement in choosing their delegates. He said these amendments would make for a smooth process without slating, and said First Vice Chairman Michael Thomas had been helpful in working out the language. The motion was seconded.

Virginia Federation of Republican Women representative Miki Miller suggested the Call needs to include the address of the convocation center at JMU.

Mr. Thomas made a motion offering several friendly amendments first changing back the allocation of delegates from "100" in Mr. Albertson amendments to "250" in the original. He made some edits to the "no slating" paragraph of the Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates section (VI. (b)) on Page 4, Line 2 adding after the word "candidates" - "who met the requirements of Article I and where required, any pre-filing requirements." On Line 3 substituting the word "allowable" for "total" and adding "allowed under the plan" after the word "delegates." The motion was seconded.

Discussion commenced on the amendments by Mr. Thomas.

Del. Mark Berg raised a Point of Order that an issue brought up by another member does not deal with motion on the floor.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion was seconded and the question called.

Del. Berg had a Point of Inquiry on what the vote is determining. The Chairman clarified the amendments.

The amendments to the Call made by Mr. Thomas were approved and carried.

Del. Berg asked a question regarding language in Section VI b. line 5 on the filing fee and suggested the language should be changed to "the convention 'may'" instead of "shall."

After discussing the filing fee situation a concern over college students being able to pay the fee was mentioned by Ms. Nielsen. A Motion to strike that filing fee line was made by CRFV member Devon Flynn. The line to be deleted in Section VI, (b) line 5 "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 Plan shall have been elected first." The motion was seconded.

After further discussion, the Question was called. The motion by Mr. Flynn to strike the language failed.

Debate and discussion commenced on the underlying motion made by Mr. Albertson.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded. The vote on the amendments to the Call made by Mr. Albertson (attached) carried.

Proxy Member David Bartholomew made a Motion to change the filing date for candidates running for State Chairman to November 2015. The motion received a second and an explanation was given that the body needs to know who's running for state chair. This motion would revise Section 5 paragraph B, from Jan. 2016 to Nov. 2015.

Discussion commenced and the question called. The motion to change the date failed by voice vote.

Proxy Member Don Williams asked some questions regarding Section IV and the forms a unit can use and the forms necessary to be submitted. The word "canvass" was added to the method of nomination and Mr. Albertson made a motion to amend the section regarding Delegate Candidate Filing Procedures. The amended sentence would read as follows: "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*" (and continuing on). On the fourth line the word "canvass" was inserted after "mass meeting" and before "or convention."

Discussion continued and the question called. The motion by Mr. Albertson on the additional language carried.

The Chairman asked for a motion to change the physical address of the RPV on page four to the P.O. The Motion was made, seconded and carried.

The Chairman also asked for a motion to allow the Secretary to make conforming changes to the Call as intended by the body. The Motion was made, seconded and carried.

National Committeeman Morton Blackwell had a question regarding the other official documents and the deadline for the filing of National Committeeman and Committeewoman.

Del. Berg made a Motion to change a word in Section VI, (a) the last line from "shall" to "may." Mr. Herr and Mr. Albertson discussed reasons why this change is not necessary. After further discussion, the question was called with a second. The motion failed.

Mr. Thomas brought up concerns regarding the 72-hour deadline for Certification of Delegates (Section VII.) following the election of the delegation. He suggested the deadline should be the same as what is reflected in the Party Plan.

After further discussion, Mr. Herr made a Motion to change the section, line 4 from "no later than" to "requested" and the rest to read as follows: "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).

The motion was seconded and Fourth District Chairman Jack Wilson made a motion to call the question.

The General Counsel, Chris Marston, reviewed with the Committee the documents that are required to be submitted to the Republican National Convention by October 1.

National Committeeman Morton Blackwell made a motion that the VA delegate allocation as reflected in committee's report be adopted. He stated that the delegates would be proportional but not congressional district. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to table Party Plan Amendments until the next meeting. Following a second, the Motion carried.

Delegate Jimmie Massie gave a report from the House of Delegates stating that they are working towards 67 Republican members or better. He discussed the important seats where the team needs to focus in retaining seats and picking up more.

Ms. Nielsen reported on sexual assault awareness campaign that has been started on several campuses around the Commonwealth. She also announced CR deployments around the state to help candidates this fall.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Following a second and vote in favor, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.