

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
Lynn	Tucker	Bob	Wheeler	Kay	Gunter
Wendell	Walker			Keith	Damon
Fred	Gruber	Carol	DeTriquet	Patsy	Drain
Terry	Wear	Renee	Maxey	Devon	Flynn
Kasha	Nielsen	Chris	Shores	Michael	Wood
Linda	Bartlett	Clara	Wheeler	Miki	Miller
John	Cosgrove	Georgia	Alvis-Long	Jimmie	Massie
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.