



**Republican Party of Virginia**

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Ken Adams, Chairman  
Waynesboro Republican Committee

VIA E-mail

Dear Chairman Adams:

On June 9, you requested a ruling on six questions relating to qualifications of candidates for offices elected by District Committees. Specifically, you note that a recent call for a meeting of the 6th Congressional District Republican Committee included applications for candidates who seek election as vice-chair, secretary and treasurer.

You pose six specific questions about qualifications in the context of this call. I will address them in turn.

1. Does the State Party Plan define qualifications for Committee officers?

Yes. Article I of the Plan sets out qualifications for all chairmen and members of Official Committees, which would include anyone elected to the offices you mention. Each must meet the requirements of section A, which, generally, limits participation to legal and qualified voters of the Commonwealth who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and express their intent to support its nominees. Additionally, section B requires that they be legal and qualified voters of the election districts which they represent, in this case, the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

2. Does the State Party Plan authorize a Committee Chair to include qualification questions on applications for Committee offices?

The Plan is silent with regard to any of the details attendant to filling committee offices. Article IV sets out the membership of a district committee, including the officers you mention, sets the time of their election as the meeting following the Biennial District Convention, and provides for the filling of vacancies in those offices. The Plan makes no reference to applications, questions on such applications, or any other details, such as methods of nomination and voting.

The answer to this second question effectively answers your additional questions, but I list them here to be completely responsive.

3. Does the State Party Plan provide a list of approved qualifications that may be included in applications?

No.

4. Does the State Party Plan describe the action to be taken depending on the answers to the questions?

No.

5. Does the State Party Plan describe what action is to be taken if a candidate for office declines to answer questions?

No.

6. Does the State Party Plan describe how and when the answers to the questions are to be distributed to members of the Committee prior to voting?

No.

This letter constitutes a ruling or interpretation of the Party Plan. Pursuant to Article X, it may be appealed to the Appeals Committee or directly to the State Central Committee within thirty days of the date it is posted on the RPV website.

Sincerely,



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General Counsel