



## Madison County Republican Committee



### Official Call for a Mass Meeting of Madison County By the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Madison County Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee and the Executive Committee, I, James H. Smith, do hereby issue this Call for a Mass Meeting to be held at The Madison County Board Auditorium (County Administration Building, 414 North Main Street, Madison, Virginia 22727) or its alternate site as determined by the Chairman, beginning at 10:00 on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Registration begins at 0900. EDT. The purpose of the Mass Meeting is:

- 1) Electing a Unit Chairman;
- 2) Electing Members of the Madison County Republican Committee Unit;
- 3) Electing up to 150 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Fifth Congressional District Convention, commencing at 10:00 AM EDT on April 25, 2020 at Tree of Life Ministries, 2812 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 or its alternate site (See: <http://5thdistrictva.gov/District-Convention>), for the following purposes:
  - a) Election of 3 National Delegates for the 2020 Republican National Convention
  - b) Election of 3 Alternate National Delegates for the 2020 Republican National Convention
  - c) Election of 1 Elector for the 2020 Presidential Election
  - d) Election of 3 State Central Committee Members
  - e) Election of District Committee Chairman
  - f) Election of Candidate for 2020 Congressional Election
  - g) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention

#### **Delegate Registration Fee**

A voluntary filing fee of \$25.00 (check or money order made payable to Madison County Republican Committee) is requested for each Delegate or Alternate. However, failure to pay the requested filing fee will not result in disqualification. Madison County is entitled to 30 Delegate Votes that will be equally distributed between actual Delegates that attend the Convention. In the event that the total number of allowed Delegates is surpassed, then preference will be given to those that have paid the requested fee.

- 4) Electing up to 150 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Quadrennial Convention, commencing at 2:30 pm EDT on May 1, 2020 and ending on May 2, 2020 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center (See: <https://virginia.gov/rpv-convention/>) or its alternate location, for the following purposes:

*Authorized and paid for by the Madison County Republican Committee*

- a) Binding Virginia Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention as to their choice for President on the first ballot by a Presidential Preference Poll;
- b) Electing 12 At-Large Delegates ("National Delegates") and 12 At-Large Alternate Delegates ("National Alternates") to the Republican National Convention to be held on August 24-27, 2020 at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte, NC in (or its alternate site) (the "National Convention");
- c) Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 3, 2020;
- d) Electing a State Chairman;
- e) Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman;
- f) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

### **Delegate Registration 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 Delegate Registration Fee of \$35.00 (check or money order made payable to Madison County Republican Committee) is requested of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the state Convention. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Presidential Preference Poll. Madison County is entitled to 30 Delegate Votes that will be equally distributed between actual Delegates that attend the Convention.

- 5) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Mass Meeting.

### **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Madison County 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 participate in this Mass Meeting, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nominating process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years from March 1, 2015. A single exception to this restriction shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that they are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future.

## **Military Members as Delegates**

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (<https://virginia.gop/rpv-convention/>).

## **For the Madison Mass Meeting**

Mass Meeting participants must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate (*viz*, valid Virginia driver's license, his valid United States passport, or any other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; or any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business).

Only those individuals who are registered at the Mass Meeting by 10:00 a.m. EDT on March 28, 2020, or who are in line for registration by that time, will be entitled to register and participate in the Mass Meeting.

## **Pre-filing for Delegate and Alternate is required**

Pre-filing is required for RPV 2020 Quadrennial Convention and/or the Virginia 5th Congressional District Republican Convention: Delegate or Alternate Candidates for election as a Convention Delegate or Alternate must submit an official form, by mail to Madison County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 171, Madison, VA 22727 or in person to James H. Smith, Chairman at 741 Ridgeview Rd, Brightwood, VA 22715. The official form can be downloaded at <http://madisoncountyva.gop>, <https://virginia.gop/rpv-convention/>, or <http://www.5thdistrictva.gop/District-Convention>. All official forms and the requested filing fee (checks or money orders made payable to Madison County Republican Committee) must be mailed and received by 6:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, March 20, 2020, and post marks will not govern. After that time, no more pre-files will be allowed. If fewer than 151, candidates file for Delegate then all properly filed Delegates will be deemed elected and no voting process will be required at the Mass Meeting.

## **Pre-filing for Membership is Encouraged**

Potential members are encouraged to submit the Madison County Republican Committee Official Pre-filing Form for the Mass Meeting and required membership dues of \$20.00 per individual, by mail to Madison County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 171, Madison, VA 22727, or in person to James H. Smith, Chairman at 741 Ridgeview Rd, Brightwood, VA 22715. The official form can be down loaded at <http://madisoncountyva.gov>, [www.Virginia.gov](http://www.Virginia.gov), or <http://www.5thdistrictva.gov/District-Convention>. Please submit all official forms and the required dues (checks or money orders made payable to Madison County Republican Committee) to ensure that they are received by 6:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, March 20, 2020, and post marks will not govern - after that time, no more membership applications will be allowed. In the event that no voting process is required for Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Quadrennial Convention, and for Fifth Congressional District Convention, and for MCRC Chairman, those who pre-filed for membership will be deemed elected and the mass meeting will be canceled. In the event the mass meeting is cancelled, those failing to pre-file may apply for membership at a later date.

## **Pre-filing Requirements for Chairman**

Candidates for Unit Chairman must submit the Madison County Republican Committee Chairman, Pre-File Form, by mail only, to the Madison County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 171, Madison, VA 22727. The official form can be downloaded at <http://madisoncountyva.gov/>, [www.Virginia.gov](http://www.Virginia.gov), or <http://www.5thdistrictva.gov/District-Convention>. All official forms and a non-refundable filing fee of \$100.00 (check or money order made payable to Madison County Republican Committee) must be mailed and received by 6:00 p.m. EST, March 13, 2020, and post marks will not govern. Nominations for Unit Chairman will not be permitted from the floor of the Mass Meeting. If there is only one qualified pre-filed candidate for Chairman, then the said candidate will be deemed elected and no voting process will be required at the Mass Meeting.

## **Pre-filing Requirements for Resolutions**

All proposed resolutions must be received in typed format, by mail only, to the Madison County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 171, Madison, VA 22727. All proposed resolutions must be mailed and received by 6:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, March 20, 2020, and post marks will not govern. Proposed resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee at the Mass Meeting for consideration and adoption. No resolutions will be permitted from the floor of the Mass Meeting. In the event that no voting process is required for Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Quadrennial Convention, and for Fifth Congressional District Convention, and for Madison County Republican Committee Chairman, resolutions will be presented at the next official Madison County Republican Committee meeting.

## **Registration Fee. Madison County Republican Committee Mass Meeting**

There will be no registration fees required to participate.

## **Cancellation**

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Mass Meeting will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia [(URL)].

## **Publication**

This Call shall be posted on the websites of the Republican Party of Virginia (<https://virginia.gop>), the 5th Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee (<http://www.5thdistrictva.gop/District-Convention>), and the Madison County Republican Committee (<http://madisoncountyva.gop/>). However, by a two thirds vote of the Madison County Republican Committee's membership, it will not be published anywhere else.