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State Central Committee Meeting

April 18, 2020

A special meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held by Zoom conference on April 18, 2020. Chairman Jack Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Melvin Adams.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Trent.
The Republican Creed was read by Thomas Turner.

The Chair appointed Chris Marston to the proxy committee.
The following members attended in person:

Jack Wilson	Nancy Dye	David Ross
Mike Thomas	Heather Stefl	Susan Lascolette
Morton Blackwell	Russ Wright	Dewey McDonnell
Jill Cook	Larry Kile	Sandy Liddy Bourne
John Selph	Mark Daniel	David Foster
Chris Marston	Carol Dawson	Zack Thompson
Bob Watson	Jeff Ryer	Tyler Lester
Dennis Free	Elizabeth Lankford	Marcy Hernick
Jennifer Lee	Bill Curtis	Caleb Cruely
Carey Allen	Wesley Edwards	Susan Edwards
Melvin Adams	Steve Trent	Mark Sell
Jennifer Brown	Carole de Triquet	Julie Williams
Ben Slone	Barbara Tabb	Richard McCarty
Mark Kelly	Angela Swygert	Erin Porch
Adam Tolbert	E Janet Riddick	Tom Callahan
Matt Leeds	Renee Maxey	Victoria Bisel
Paul Prados	Ed Yensho	Erika Dyer
Ian Waite	Nancy Rodland	Cole Trower
Thomas Turner	Will Kirk	Linda Bartlett
Mary Franklin	Travis Witt	Marie Quinn
Bobby Orrock	Steve "Doc" Troxel	Mark Cole
John Cosgrove	Jeffrey Adams	David Suetterlein
Amanda Batten	Anne Fitzgerald	John Hager
Wendell Walker	Mark Hile	

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Two proxies were found to be in order.

The following members attended by proxy:

Cynthia Dunbar – proxy held by Diana Shores

Joseph Sonsmith – proxy held by Steve Kurtz

The minutes of the December 6, 2019 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked the Committee for all the work so far, given the unusual circumstances.

The Chair gave the following updates:

- The VA Primary date has been moved from June 9 to June 23. This affects the US Senate nomination and the US Congress nominations in the Second and Third Congressional Districts.
- The Seventh District Committee filed suit for an extension of the certification deadline for the District Convention and were successful. The deadline is now July 28.
- The RPV has intervened to extend the deadline in the Fifth, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Congressional Districts. The order should be entered this week and will be ruled on by a judge.
- The Chair is working with the RNC regarding the election of delegates to National Convention. The Chair has requested an extension to July 20. The Chair has been updating the Trump campaign on this process.
- The ACLU filed suit to do away with the need for a witness signature on an absentee ballot application. The RPV will intervene in this litigation.

New Business

Party Plan Amendment #1

The Committee adopted by unanimous consent a motion by Mike Thomas on behalf of the Party Plan Committee to amend the Party Plan in Article XII, in the final sentence, by striking “upon the expiration of orders referenced above or July 31, 2020, whichever is earlier” and inserting in its place “on July 28, 2020” (the original motion having been amended prior to adoption).

Party Plan Amendment #2

The Committee adopted by a unanimous roll call vote a motion by Mike Thomas on behalf of the Party Plan Committee to amend the Party Plan in Article XII by inserting after paragraph 2, the following:

“3. An Official Committee may hold its Quadrennial Convention using the following alternative methods, which temporarily take precedence over contrary provisions in other Articles of the State Party Plan:

- a. “Unassembled Convention”—in an unassembled convention:
 - i. The Official Committee, or a subcommittee of its members that it appoints, shall serve as the Committees on Credentials, Nominations, and Standing Rules. The Official Committee shall act on those reports on behalf of the Convention.

- ii. Delegates may cast their ballots at one or more polling locations within or adjacent to the area represented by the Official Committee. Military Delegates may still participate as provided in Article VIII.
 - iii. For any office or nomination to be made by the Convention, the Official Committee may provide for a) ranked choice voting and a majority winner, or b) for a plurality winner, or c) for a majority winner with multiple ballots, all without respect to whether the initial call included ranked choice voting.
 - iv. In a contest where it is necessary to determine the outcome, ties will be decided by drawing of lots.
- b. “Bifurcated Convention”—In a bifurcated convention, the nomination of a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives will proceed as described in (a), after which the Convention will adjourn to a date, time, and location selected by the Official Committee to carry on the remaining business of the Convention.”

(several amendments to the underlying motion having been considered and adopted).

By unanimous consent, the Committee adjourned at 11:42pm.

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