

# Mass Meeting/Pre-File/Membership FAQs

1. I am already a member, do I still need to fill out a pre-file form?

**Yes, terms for all unit committee members expire in the Spring of even numbered years. If you wish to keep your membership, you must seek re-election to the Unit Committee by submitting your pre-file form by the deadline (March, 25, 2022 @ 5pm). If no pre-file form is submitted, your membership will expire along with all voting rights and privileges.**

2. If I miss the deadline to pre-file for election as a Unit Committee Member, is there a way to join later?

**Yes, interested, qualified voters can join the unit committee at any regularly scheduled committee meeting so long as there are vacancies in the precinct in which they live or within the at-large membership.**

3. What are the costs/responsibilities associated with membership?

**Membership dues are to be paid yearly. Dues are determined by the Unit Committee, but have historically been around \$20. Members of the Alleghany/Covington Republican Committee is not an honorary, but a working position and each member assumes an obligation to assist in building the Republican Party at every level and particularly within his precinct.**

4. What is a Mass Meeting?

**A Mass Meeting is like a small local convention called with the express purpose of electing certain local Republican Party officers, delegations to any Republican conventions, as well as nominating Republican candidates to seek election for local offices.**

5. What does it mean to seek the Republican nomination for a local office such as Board of Supervisors, City Council, Town Council, etc? What are the benefits?

**By receiving the Republican nomination for a local office, a candidate receives the full backing and support of the Alleghany/Covington Republican Party. Additionally, this candidate receives automatic ballot access and does not need to acquire voter signatures in order to be on the ballot for the election. Additionally, since there can be ONLY ONE Republican nominee for any office, the candidate can—in all literature or otherwise—state they are THE Republican candidate for that office, regardless of any other candidate's political affiliations as an independent. (Party affiliation is not displayed on the ballot for local offices).**

6. What happens if there are no contested races at the Mass Meeting?

**If there are no contested races for party officers/members, delegation, or Republican nominations for local office, the purpose of the Mass Meeting is already fulfilled, and it will therefore be canceled. A regular meeting will be held instead.**