



OFFICIAL CALL

**2020 Convention of the
Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee
Saturday, July 18, 2020 - 10:00 AM
Wytheville Meeting Center
333 Community Blvd.
Wytheville, VA 24382**

ISSUED: December 28, 2019 – *REVISED #2: May 26, 2020

I, Adam L. Tolbert, as Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, Virginia, 24382, or its alternative site, starting at 10:00 AM (with registration opening at 8:00 AM) on Saturday, **July 18**, 2020, for the following purposes:

- a) Electing a District Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee;
- b) Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee;
- c) Electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention to be held at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, or its alternate site, from August 24 - 27, 2020;
- d) Nominating one (1) Elector from the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia to serve in the 2020 Electoral College; and
- e) For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of the Ninth Congressional District 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 in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to this rule shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future.

Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of this exception thereafter.

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) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit’s call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6 of the RPV State Party Plan. 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.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the District Committee no later than March 29, 2020. A ballot may be requested by emailing 2020convention@va9gop.org with “Military Candidate Preference Ballot Request” as the subject line. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the District Chairman no later than **July 15**, 2020 by e-mail to 2020convention@va9gop.org.

Composition of Convention

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Delegate Vote</u>	<u>Max # Delegates</u>
Alleghany/Covington	40	200
Bland	17	85
Bristol	32	160
Buchanan	43	215
Carroll	68	340
Craig	14	70
Dickenson	30	150
Floyd	35	175
Galax	10	50
Giles	40	200
Grayson	36	180
Henry (partial)	73	365
Lee	51	255

Martinsville	15	75
Montgomery	128	640
Patrick	43	215
Pulaski	74	370
Radford	17	85
Roanoke County (partial)	55	275
Russell	59	295
Salem	49	245
Scott	53	265
Smyth	63	315
Tazewell	94	470
Washington	126	630
Wise/Norton	81	405
Wythe	65	325
TOTALS	1,411	7,055

The delegates present in a given Unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the electing body has determined another method of alternate delegate selection. The delegates present and voting at the Convention shall cast the full vote of the Unit delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote. In no event shall any person cast less than one-fifth (1/5) of a delegate vote.

Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates shall begin at 8:00 AM and shall conclude at 10:15 AM. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM.

Each delegate must present a form of photo identification that is acceptable for voting purposes in order to receive credentials at the Convention.

Balloting

Election to all offices shall be by plurality vote.

For the election of State Central Committee members, those receiving the top three highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected.

For the election of Delegates and Alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention, those receiving the top three highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected as Delegates to the 2020 Republican National Convention and those receiving the fourth, fifth and sixth highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected as Alternates to the 2020 Republican National Convention.

No proxy voting will be permitted. Delegates must cast their own ballots. Names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order by last name for each office. Balloting shall not begin before 10:30 AM.

The Elections Committee shall design procedures to permit candidates (or their designees) to observe balloting and counting of ballots. The Elections Committee may enact such rules as it deems appropriate in its discretion to ensure the integrity and security of the voting process.

Candidacy Filing Requirements

Any person who desires to seek election as: Chairman of the Ninth District Republican Committee, State Central Committee member, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 2020 Republican National Convention, or as Presidential Elector must pre-file by filing the official candidacy filing form along with remitting the required filing fee.

No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention.

THE OFFICIAL CANDIDACY FILING FORM AND THE REQUIRED FILING FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE APPROPRIATE PRE-FILING DEADLINE (POSTMARKS WILL NOT GOVERN, ACTUAL RECEIPT REQUIRED):

- **For District Chairman or State Central Committee (SCC) Member:**
Filing Deadline: By 6:00pm on Saturday, January 18, 2020
- **For Delegate/Alternate to Republican National Convention or Presidential Elector:**
Filing Deadline: By 6:00pm on Saturday, February 29, 2020

The non-refundable candidate filing fees are:

- District Chairman: \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars)
- State Central Committee Member: \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars)
- Presidential Elector: \$125.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars)
- Delegate/Alternate to the 2020 RNC National Convention: \$125.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars)

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO RNC NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Delegate selection rules adopted by the RPV State Central Committee on September 7, 2019 contain the following provision as listed item #9: *“No person may seek election as a delegate or alternate at a Quadrennial District Convention and the Quadrennial State Convention.”* Therefore, a candidate for delegate/alternate delegate may not seek election at both the State Convention and the District Convention.

All filing fees shall be made payable to the *Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee*.

The District Chairman has designated the following individual to receive candidacy filings:

Zack Thompson, Candidacy Filing Coordinator
206 Southview Ave, Apt B
Narrows, VA 24124
Phone: 540-641-0726
Email: zack@gilesgop.org

Candidacy filing forms are available online at www.rpv.org and www.va9gop.org. Candidacy filing forms may also be obtained by contacting the Candidacy Filing Coordinator.

Certification of Convention Delegates/Alternates by Units

Delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected by their respective units shall be certified with their respective names, addresses (including zip codes), email address, and phone number over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or of the unit chairman of the unit committee which may have conducted a party canvass to select the delegates and alternate delegates.

Every person elected as a delegate or alternate to the Ninth District Convention will be asked to pay a voluntary \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) registration fee. This voluntary fee will be paid either to the unit represented and the unit will forward it to the Ninth District Committee, or the fee can be paid by the individual at the Convention during registration. Voluntary fees collected will be used to assist with the cost and expenses of holding the Convention. Failure to pay the voluntary registration fee will not result in the disqualification of a delegate or alternate delegate.

Units shall certify delegates and alternate delegates selected to attend the District Convention to the District Chairman and District Secretary by using one of the following official methods. Only one method should be used to provide official certification.

METHOD 1/Electronic (highly preferred):

Electronically by following the instructions and procedure that will be available by February 1, 2020 at the following web address: <http://convention.va9gop.org> The electronic method will provide the certification to the District Chairman and District Secretary.

METHOD 2/Mail or Personal Delivery:

Unit certifications may also be made using paper certification forms and instructions which will be distributed and posted online at <http://convention.va9gop.org> by February 1, 2020. Such completed certifications must be mailed or delivered to the District Chairman and District Secretary and received by the filing deadline.

Instructions and access details on both certification methods will be provided via email to all unit chairs by the District Chairman no later than February 1, 2020.

Units must also certify whether or not the unit call for the mass meeting, canvass, or convention from which delegates or alternates were elected to the Ninth District Convention was published in a newspaper of general circulation, or if the publication was waived by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of the unit committee. If the publication was waived, the call must have been sent to the Republican Party of Virginia and posted online at www.rpv.org and on any other appropriate unit or district web sites.

REGARDLESS OF THE CERTIFICATION METHOD UTILIZED, ALL UNIT CERTIFICATIONS OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT SECRETARY BY 11:59PM ON SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020. Postmarks will not govern, actual receipt is required.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be provided to each unit within 24 hours following its delegate certification submission.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except for a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Convention Committees

Members of the Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Resolutions, and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the District Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention.

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Convention

If any office has only one candidate properly file to be elected, the candidate for that office shall be deemed to be elected. Should there be no contested offices for the Convention to decide, the District Committee may cancel the convention.

Call Revisions

The District Chairman is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such technical or conforming changes.

Publication of Call

Convention call will be posted online as permitted by RPV Party Plan and distributed by other electronic means. Newspaper publication is waived. A press release will be issued to area media outlets with details on the Convention.

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***Revision History:**

- **Amended 5/26/20 by Ninth District Committee in response to COVID-19 public health emergency.** *Convention date changed from June 20 to July 18 and certification deadline for units to certify delegates/alternates elected changed from June 6 to July 4. Deadline for military delegation members to return ballot also extended (from June 17 to July 15) by operation of State Party Plan requirements for military delegate ballot handling.*
- **Amended 3/26/20 by Ninth District Committee in response to COVID-19 public health emergency.** *Convention date changed from April 18 to June 20, location changed from George Wythe High School to Wytheville Meeting Center, and certification deadline for units to certify delegates/alternates elected changed from April 4 to June 6. Deadline for military delegation members to return ballot also extended (from April 15 to June 17) by operation of State Party Plan requirements for military delegate ballot handling.*