

Nelson County Republican Committee

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OFFICIAL CALL for a Mass Meeting

Issued February 27, 2020

As Chairman of the Nelson County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Carlton Ballowe, do hereby issue this call for a **Mass Meeting to be held at 1:00 PM on March 21, 2020 at the Nelson Center, 8445 Thomas Nelson Hwy., Lovingston, VA 22949** or an alternate site if required. Registration will begin at 12:00 PM and end at 12:59 PM. Individuals in line at the end of the designated registration time shall be registered for the Mass Meeting pursuant to this call.

The purposes of the Mass Meeting are as follows:

- 1. Electing a Nelson County Republican Committee Unit Chairman;
- 2. Electing at large members of the Nelson County Republican Committee;
- 3. Electing up to 145 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the District Convention of the 5th Congressional District, to be held:

Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Tree of Life Ministries
2812 Greenview Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24502
OR
An alternate site if necessary

The purposes of the District Convention are as follows:

- 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 3 State Central Committee Members
- d) Election of 1 Elector for the 2020 Presidential Election
- e) Election of District Committee Chairman
- f) Election of Republican Nominee for U.S. House
- g) The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.
- 4. Electing up to 145 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia's 2020 Quadrennial Convention (the "Convention") to be held:

Friday and Saturday May 1-2, 2020 At the Greater Richmond Convention Center Or An alternate site if necessary The purposes of the State Convention are as follows:

- 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 (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.

The State Convention will open on Friday May 1st at 2:30 pm for the election of permanent Convention officers and adoption of rules. No other election shall occur prior to 12:00 noon on Saturday May 2nd.

In the event only one candidate files for Chairman of the Nelson County Republican Committee and proper filings for committee member, Delegate and Alternate to the District and State Conventions do not exceed the specified limits, all <u>qualified</u> candidates for said offices shall be deemed duly elected at the Mass Meeting.

Qualifications for Participation

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

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 (a valid Virginia driver's license, a 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) and complete and sign the Mass Meeting Registration Form.

Pre-Filing Requirements

Candidates for election at this Mass Meeting to the position of Unit Chair Nelson County Republican Committee, or as Delegate or Alternate to the 5th District Convention, and/or Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, must pre-file using the appropriate official form attached to this call. Forms shall be mailed to the Nelson County Republican Committee, Post Office Box 75, Lovingston, Virginia 22949 by United States Postal Service. The written statement must bear an original signature and be received by 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline. It is the individual's responsibility to confirm receipt. Candidates for election to the Nelson County Republican Committee Membership are encouraged to pre-file the appropriate application, but are not required to do so. The NCRC Membership Application may be completed during registration.

Participants in the Nelson County Republican Committee Mass Meeting are asked to pay a voluntary registration fee of \$20 to help cover meeting expenses.

Delegates or alternates to the 5th District Republican Convention are asked to pay a voluntary fee of \$25 to help with convention cost.

Delegates to the State Convention are asked to pay a voluntary fee of \$35 to help with those convention cost. Any delegate who fails to pay the registration fee may participate only in the Presidential Preference Poll.

** Pre-file is not required for election to membership in the Nelson County Republican Committee **

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/

Publication

By the required 2/3rds majority vote, the Nelson County Republican Committee agreed to waive newspaper publication of this Call. It shall be posted on the websites of the:

- Republican Party of Virginia: https://virginia.gop/;
- 5th Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee: http://www.5thdistrictva.gop/; and
- Nelson County Republican Committee: https://nelsoncountyrepublicans.com/.

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