

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

Alfred B. Cramer, III, Chairman

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Mr. Richard E. Martin, Chairman
Sixth District Republican Committee
322 Hidden Hill Circle
Salem, Virginia 24153

Dear Dick:

In your letter of June 1, you indicated that the Sixth District Committee would elect a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at its next meeting. Assuming the Vice Chairman, who will be elected first, is not the incumbent, you have inquired whether the old Vice Chairman or the newly elected Vice Chairman is entitled to subsequently vote for Secretary and Treasurer.

At our subsequent discussion at the convention, we agreed that under Section A of Article 6 of the State Party Plan, a Vice Chairman is not entitled to vote by virtue of holding that office. Nevertheless, you indicated that the Sixth District Committee has, by a previous resolution, vested its Vice Chairman with the right to vote.

The State Party Plan, unfortunately, does not address the question posed by these facts. Assuming no local rule to the contrary, I would accordingly look to Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts provides for an election to take effect immediately if the candidate is present. The new, rather than the old, Vice Chairman should thus be entitled to vote on subsequent questions including election to office.

Sincerely,

W. A. Forrest, Jr.

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