

## Notice of Party Plan Amendments

Pursuant to Article XI of the Party Plan, this provides notice of intent to offer the following amendments to the Party Plan at the State Convention.

### Amendment # 1 – Unit Chair Caucus

Amendment # 1 would create a caucus of Unit Chairs and provide for the caucus to elect three unit chair representatives to serve on the State Central Committee.

Unit Chairs are the frontline leaders of our Party. Creating a caucus to build relationships between unit chairs from around the state would allow for unit chairs to join together to advocate for the needs of unit committees. Providing for three representatives on the State Central Committee would provide a focal point for advancing the priorities of unit committees in policy and financial decision making.

#### Text of Amendment

In Art. III, Sec. A., insert at the end the following: “Three (3) elected representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs.”

In Art. III, Sec. B., insert at the end the following: “Representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs shall be elected by the Caucus after every Congressional District holds its Biennial District Convention.”

In Art. VI, Sec. D, para. 2, insert at the end the following: “He shall be a member of the Caucus of Unit Chairs, in which he shall participate on a one chair - one vote basis.”

#### Redline

If Amendment # 1 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

### **Article III. State Central Committee**

#### SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

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*18. Three (3) elected representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs.*

#### SECTION B. Election and Term

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*9. Representatives of the Caucus of Unit Chairs shall be elected by the Caucus after every Congressional District holds its Biennial District Convention.*

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## Article VI. County and City Committee

### SECTION D. Duties

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#### 2. Unit Chairman

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- e. He shall be a member of the Caucus of Unit Chairs, in which he shall participate on a one chair - one vote basis.*

### Amendment # 2 — Expanded Affiliate Group Representation

Amendment # 2 would increase from three to four the number of representatives of each of the Republican Women, the Young Republicans and the College Republicans. It would also make the leader of each group a full voting member of the State Central Committee.

These party affiliate groups have long been among the strongest leaders in the Party. Every candidate whose sought office in Virginia can attest to the strong, well-organized support of affiliate group members. By expanding their representation and giving them a vote on the Executive Committee, they would have a status similar to each of the Congressional Districts.

#### Text of Amendment

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 6, strike “two (2)” and insert in its place “three (3)”.

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 7, strike “two (2)” and insert in its place “three (3)”.

In Art. III, Sec. A, in paragraph 8, strike “two (2)” and insert in its place “three (3)”.

In Art. III, Sec. E, in paragraph 1, strike “President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia” and insert the same words between “District Chairmen,” and “plus the following,”.

#### Redline

If Amendment # 2 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

## Article III. State Central Committee

### SECTION A. Membership

The membership of the State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

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6. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.
7. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.
8. President, ex officio, and ~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* elected representatives of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.

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### SECTION E. Subcommittees

#### 2. Executive Committee

- e. There shall be an Executive Committee of the State Central Committee comprised of the State Chairman and all District Chairmen, *President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia*, plus the following, but they shall not be entitled to vote: The First Vice Chairman, National Committee members, ~~President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, President of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia, President of the College Republican Federation of Virginia~~, State Treasurer, State Secretary, Finance Chairman, Budget Director, and one member of the State Senate and one member of the House of Delegates selected by the Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly who are currently serving on the State Central Committee.

### Amendment # 3—Ethical Conduct Recusals

Amendment # 3 would add a public disclosure of conflicts of interest by members of the State Central Committee and District Committees and require recusal where a conflict of interest occurs because of the member's paid relationship with a candidate or elected official on an issue affecting the candidate or elected official.

The current Ethical Conduct provision provides for disclosure of conflicts to the other members of the committee, but not to other Party members who should be aware of any issues faced by their leaders. Posting conflict notices to the RPV website would correct this.

Additionally, the current provision only requires that members provide notice of conflicts, it does not require them to refrain from voting on issue where the conflict arises. The amendment would require that members recuse themselves from votes affecting candidates or elected officials for whom they work.

## Text of Amendment

In Article VII, Section J, strike paragraph 2 and insert in its place the following:

“2. Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall promptly disclose in writing any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to the official committees on which they serve. All written disclosures shall be posted on the website.

“3. Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall recuse themselves from the consideration of any question in which a conflict of interest exists due to compensation by an elected official or a candidate. Compensation includes payment to a member, a member's immediate family, or a business concern in which the member or member's immediate family is a director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, or trustee. Elected official or candidate includes the office of an elected official and any campaign committee or political action committee established, maintained or controlled by an elected official or a candidate for elective office in Virginia. Members not be represented by a proxy for purposes of voting on a question from which they recuse themselves.”

## Redline

If Amendment # 3 is adopted by the convention, the Plan will read as follows (Regular text remains unchanged, ~~Strikethrough text~~ is deleted, *italicized text* is added):

### **Article VII. Official Committees - General**

#### SECTION J. Ethical Conduct

1. Voting members of official committees shall exercise their best efforts to conduct the business of the Party in good faith, with reasonable care, skill, and diligence. They shall hold as confidential all party information, documents, and communications clearly designated as confidential or for limited dissemination or use by adopted policy of the committee. They shall refrain from participating in unethical activity, diminishing the dignity and credibility of the the Party.
- ~~2. Recognizing that not all possible conflicts represent an actual conflict of interest, voting members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall voluntarily disclose, in writing, any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to all members of the official committee on which they serve in a timely manner after becoming aware of such conflict.~~
2. *Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall promptly disclose in writing any known potential or actual conflicts of interest to the official committees on which they serve. All written disclosures shall be posted on the website.*
3. *Members of the State Central Committee and District Committees shall recuse themselves from the consideration of any question in which a conflict of interest exists due to compensation by an elected official or a candidate. Compensation includes payment to a member, a member's immediate family, or a business concern in which the member or member's immediate family is a director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, or trustee. Elected official or candidate includes the office of an elected official and any campaign committee or political action committee established, maintained or controlled by an elected official or a candidate for elective office in Virginia. Members not be represented by a proxy for purposes of voting on a question from which they recuse themselves.*