

## **Rules for the 2016 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Convention**

*Saturday, April 9, 2016 - George Wythe High School – Wytheville, VA*

1. This Convention shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the Republican Party of Virginia Party Plan, Ninth District By-laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. Any person may attend the Convention, but only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may have the floor unless specifically recognized by the Chair. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Convention.
4. The Credentials Committee shall report on the proper credentials of each voter and decide any question that may arise concerning eligibility to participate.
5. No one will be allowed access to the Convention floor without proper credentials displayed. Special floor passes may be issued by the District Chairman to the campaign committees of candidates, to elected officials or their support staff, to qualified members of the media, and to guests of the Convention.
6. A roll call shall be taken at the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the total Convention votes as certified by the Credentials Committee.
7. The vote of all units shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (e.g., 0.01).
8. For the election for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention (RNC), convention delegates may vote for up to six candidates. The candidates receiving the three (3) highest number of votes shall be elected as Delegates to the RNC. The candidates receiving the next three (3) highest number of votes shall be elected as Alternate Delegates to the RNC. In the event of a tie vote that affects determining the three (3) highest number of votes for Delegate or next three (3) highest number of votes for Alternate Delegates, a second round of voting shall take place involving only those candidates tied to resolve the tie.
9. For the election of Members of the State Central Committee (SCC), convention delegates may vote for up to three candidates. The candidates receiving the three (3) highest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote that affects

determining the three (3) highest number of votes for SCC, a second round of voting shall take place involving only those candidates tied to resolve the tie.

10. Unmarked ballots, abstentions, voting for more than the permitted number of candidates per ballot, and votes cast for persons not placed in nomination before the Convention, shall be excluded in calculating the total vote reported by each unit. Voters may not cast multiple votes for an individual candidate on the same ballot.
11. No voter may change his or her vote after it has been collected or recorded by the Chairman or a teller appointed by the Chairman.
12. Once voting has begun, no candidate may withdraw except for a motion to nominate or elect by acclamation, no one other than the Chairman of the Convention or those authorized by him may address the Convention, and no other business may come before the Convention until the vote is completed and announced.
13. Upon adoption of these rules, the temporary officials of the Convention shall be made permanent.
14. No motion shall be in order at the Convention except those pertaining to the order of business or the item of business being pursued at the time the motion is made.
15. Only those persons who properly pre-filed their intent in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Call of this Convention shall be nominated. The Nominations Committee shall report on the proper filing of such requirements. No nominations of candidates for offices shall be presented from the floor. In the event that only one person has filed for election to an office, as certified by the Nominations Committee, that person may be elected by acclamation by the Convention.
16. The following maximum time limits shall be observed for each guest speaker and each candidate for offices to be elected at this convention:
  - a. Candidates (or their representatives) for federal offices to be elected in the June 2016 Primary or November 2016 General Election: Four (4) minutes.
  - b. Candidates (or their representatives) for District Chairman or for State Central Committee Members to be elected at this Convention: Four (4) minutes.
  - c. Candidates (or their representatives) for Delegate/Alternate Delegate or Presidential Elector to be elected at this Convention: Two (2) minutes.
  - d. Candidates (or their representatives) for RPV Chairman, RNC National Committeeman, or RNC National Committeewoman to be elected at the 2016 RPV State Convention: Three (3) minutes.

- e. Candidates (or their representatives) for state offices to be elected in 2017: Two (2) minutes.
17. Once adopted, these rules may be repealed, suspended or amended only by three-fourths (3/4) vote of those Delegates (voters) present and voting, unless otherwise specified in a specific rule.
18. The Election Committee shall consist of at least four people appointed by the 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman and will serve as tellers for the election. The tellers will be on the convention stage, and one will be assigned to a computer to enter information into a spreadsheet format. At least three tellers will be assigned to assist with distribution to each unit chair an envelope provided by the credentials committee. The envelope will list the number of registered delegates for each particular unit. The teller will provide the number of ballots in an envelope. The envelopes will have the correct number of ballots for each voting delegate as certified by the credentials committee.
19. The unit chair will distribute the ballots to his or her delegates approved for voting. The Unit Chair is to individually place a check mark on each delegate's ID as each delegate receives a ballot in every round of voting. The Unit Chair will collect the folded ballots (in half), placing them UNCOUNTED in the envelope previously provided then return to the counting table located on the convention stage for counting and tabulation. Any allotted ballot not returned by the unit chair will be deemed forfeited, and any unused ballot will not be entered into the tabulation and shall be returned in the envelope unused.
20. When the unit chairs arrive at the counting table with their unit's respective envelopes they are to empty the ballots, count them along with the overview and assistance of the teller. Votes will be tabulated on a tabulation sheet and verified by the teller. All results are provided to the computer teller for entry into the spreadsheet. Ballots are then placed into another envelope for storage and retained by the Elections Committee.
21. Each candidate will have one observer to be appointed to view and observe the counting table. Said observer is not allowed to assist in counting or interfere with the counting of ballots.
22. The word "voter" and "delegate" shall be used interchangeably at this convention and are individuals who are approved by the Credentials Committee.
23. Resolutions must be submitted in their entirety to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee (Marcy Hernick, [hernickm@gmail.com](mailto:hernickm@gmail.com)) not later than noon on April 6, 2016 to allow for review of all resolutions by the Resolutions Committee. Postmarks will not

govern for resolutions mailed (Marcy Hernick, PO Box 36, Vansant, VA 24656). All resolutions and the accompanying business of each resolution shall be conducted after the candidate speeches and before the reporting of the balloting totals. Resolutions or amendments from the floor are not permitted and any motion to propose any resolution is out of order.

24. The order of business shall be as set forth below, provided, however, that upon majority vote of the Convention, an item may be omitted or added. The Chairman of the Convention may interrupt the order as he or she may deem appropriate.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Presentation of the Colors & Pledge
- D. National Anthem
- E. Reading of the Virginia Republican Creed
- F. Reading of the Call by the Party Secretary
- G. Welcoming Remarks & Comments
- H. Introduction of Committees
- I. Election of Temporary Chairman
- J. Election of Temporary Secretary
- K. Appointment of Temporary Parliamentarian, Timekeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms
- L. Meeting of Committees
- M. Remarks from Special Guests
- N. Credentials Committee Report
- O. Rules Committee Report
- P. Resolutions Committee Report
- Q. Nominations Committee Report
- R. Candidate Speeches
- S. Election of District Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Committee
- T. Election of Republican Presidential Elector from the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- U. Election of Delegates & Alternates from the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to the Republican National Convention

- V. Election of Members of the RPV State Central Committee from the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- W. Final Comments
- X. Adjournment

***Agreed to by the members of the Rules Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Republican Convention this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.***

***Printed Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED