



# Prince Edward County Republican Committee

## Official Mass Meeting Call

As Chairman of the Prince Edward County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the State Party Plan, and as directed by the District Committee, I, Cindy Koether, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held on March 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Natural Resources Building, 100 Dominion Drive, Farmville, VA; OR an alternate site if necessary, for the following purposes:

- a) Election of Delegates to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention on April 28, 2018
- b) Election of the Unit Chairman for the Prince Edward County Unit Committee,
- c) Election of members to the Prince Edward County Republican Committee,
- d) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Mass Meeting.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

All legal and qualified voters of Prince Edward 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 a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in this Prince Edward County Republican Mass Meeting. Participants at the Mass Meeting who wish to be members of the Prince Edward County Republican Committee will have an opportunity to join the unit.

### REGISTRATION:

Mass Meeting registration shall begin at 6:00 PM EDT and shall conclude at 7:00 PM. All participants in line at 7:00 PM shall be allowed to register. The Mass Meeting shall be called to order at 7:00 PM or upon registration of all participants in line at 7:00 PM. All participants shall be required to provide proof of identity in the form of a valid government issued photo identification. Only those individuals who are registered at the Mass Meeting by 7:00 PM or who are in line for registration by that time, will be entitled to register and participate in the Mass Meeting. There will be no fee for participation in the Mass Meeting.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES:

Delegates and Alternates for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention on April 28, 2018 shall be elected at this Mass Meeting, in conformity with the Plan. The maximum number of Delegates and delegate votes for Prince Edward County are 135 and 27 respectively.

Every Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 5th District Convention will be asked to pay a voluntary \$20.00 fee to help cover the Convention expenses. This fee will be paid to PECRC and the Treasurer will pay the 5th District Committee. Checks should be made out to PECRC. Preferential seating will be given to Units based on the percentage of Pre-Certified Delegates remitting the fee. The fee will be refunded to the Delegates in the event the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention is cancelled.

## CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

Anyone wishing to be a Delegate to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention must submit a pre-file. Pre-files must use the Delegate Form attached to this Call. Pre-file forms may be submitted in person or by US mail to Cindy Koether, 664 Old Ridge Rd., Farmville, VA 23901 or scanned and submitted by email to [ckoether@hsc.edu](mailto:ckoether@hsc.edu). The payment of the \$20 voluntary registration fee may be made with the pre-file, or at the Mass Meeting. Checks are to be written to PECRC. Whether filed by email or postal mail all Delegate filings must be received by March 13 at 6 PM. Postmarks do not govern. All forms must contain the Delegate's signature. Submission of Delegate email and phone number are requested but optional. The election of Delegates at the Mass Meeting, held by the Prince Edward County Republican Committee, shall be individuals. The election of Delegates by slate or grouping is expressly forbidden and shall not be permitted.

## CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Any person who desires to seek election to Chairman of Prince Edward County Republican Committee shall file a completed and signed Chairman Pre-file, which is attached. Pre-files for Chairman and the required non-refundable filing fee of \$50 shall be submitted to the same address as Delegate pre-files above and must be received no later than 6:00 PM, March 13, 2018. It is the responsibility of the Candidate to confirm receipt of their pre-file with the Chairman. No nominations for Chairman shall be accepted from the floor at the Mass Meeting.

## STATUS OF MASS MEETING

If only one person submits a Chairman Pre-file and fewer than 135 people submit Delegate Pre-files, then the Mass Meeting may be cancelled by the Chairman and the Chairman candidate will be declared elected and the candidates for Delegate will be declared elected. If the Mass Meeting is cancelled, then the March Business meeting will be held instead of the Mass Meeting on March 20 at 7:00 PM. The newly declared Committee Chairman will preside. Other officers will be elected at the following Business Meeting.

## MILITARY PROVISION DECLARATION:

Otherwise Qualified Military Members (QMM) who seek to be represented at this Convention, and who because of the obligations of their official military orders, are unable to attend their respective Unit Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of selecting delegates to this Convention, and that in lieu of selecting Delegates to represent them from their respective Unit they instead wish to be represented by the Military Delegation, shall send an email declaration to Military Delegation Committee (MDC) Chair W.C. Fowlkes at the email address [wcfowlkes@centurylink.net](mailto:wcfowlkes@centurylink.net) not later than April 14, 2018. Such Declaration email shall include attached; a signed Statement of Qualifications for District Convention Delegate, an affirmation of their official military orders precluding their attendance, and their email address for correspondence. The MDC Chairman shall respond via email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each email declaration. Should no confirmation be received, contact the District Chairman. Candidate Preference Ballot subsequent to the receipt of the Declaration, QMMs will be sent two Candidate Preference Ballots. QMMs shall be entitled to cast a Candidate Preference Ballot to convey their ordered candidate preferences for Congressional candidate and 5th District Chairman candidate (first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to [wcfowlkes@centurylink.net](mailto:wcfowlkes@centurylink.net) not later than April 21, 2018. The MDC Chairman shall respond by email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of each completed ballot. The Chairman of the Convention Elections-Tabulation Committee shall be responsible for tallying the results of the Candidate Preference Ballots and reporting the results in total during tabulation of the votes. Military Delegates Persons who would otherwise qualify to be a Delegate from their local Unit may request to be a Delegate to the Military Delegation instead. Such persons shall submit a pre-file Statement of Qualifications to the MDC Chairman not later than April 14, 2018, along with any filing fee. Current or former active duty or reserve military or military family members are highly encouraged to serve as Military Delegates. No one may serve as both a Delegate of the Military Delegation and a Delegate representing their local Unit. Military Delegate pre-files shall be provided to the candidates for Congress and 5th District Chairman by April 14, 2018. Military Delegation Voting at Convention the Military Delegation shall be instructed to vote in proportion to the Candidate Preference Ballots results of all Military Members.