

**PLAN OF ORGANIZATION
(Party Plan)
OF
Washington County Republican Committee (WCRC)
VIRGINIA**



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ARTICLE I -- NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be "Washington County Republican Committee (WCRC), Virginia."

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

The terms used throughout this plan of organization are defined as follows:

1. "State Party" means Republican Party of Virginia.
2. "State Party Plan" means Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
3. "County Plan" or "Bylaws" means Plan of Organization of Washington County, Virginia.
4. "Election District" means Washington County, a magisterial district, a precinct, or portions or combinations of such political subdivisions which comprise the area defined by law in which an election is to be held, as the context may require.
5. "District" means Congressional District unless otherwise designated.
6. "Congressional District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.
7. "Legislative District" means the Election District for a member of the House of Delegates or the State Senate of the Virginia General Assembly.
8. "District Committee" means Republican Congressional District Committee for each Congressional District.
9. "Legislative District Committee" means Republican District Committee for each State Senatorial District and each House of Delegates District, as the context may require.
10. "Chairman", "Chairmen", "he", and "his" shall not be construed to denote gender.
11. "County Committee" or "Unit Committee" means the governing body of the Republican Party of Washington County, Virginia.
12. "County Chairman" means the chief executive officer of the Republican Party of Washington County, Virginia.
13. "Committee" means the governing body of the Republican Party of Washington County, Virginia, unless the text clearly refers to another committee.
14. "Unit" means Washington County.
15. "Member of the County Committee" means a person who is a Member of the County Committee, as provided herein, and who has not been removed from the County Committee, deemed to have resigned from the County Committee, or otherwise lost his or her position on the County Committee, all as provided under this County Plan.
16. "Sustaining Member" means a person who financially supports the County Party by the payment of dues as provided under guidelines established by the Sustaining Membership Subcommittee (A Member of the County Committee).
17. "Unit-Officers" means a duly elected officer of the County Committee.
18. "Quadrennial State Convention" means the State Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating electors-at-large to the Electoral College and electing delegates-at-large and alternates-at-large to the Quadrennial National Republican Convention.
19. "Quadrennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Presidential election years for the purposes of nominating an elector to the Electoral College and electing Delegates and Alternates to the Quadrennial National Republican Convention.

20. "Biennial District Convention" means the District Convention held in Congressional election years and is the same as the Quadrennial District Convention in Presidential election years.
21. "Official Committees" are the State Central Committee, each District Committee, each Legislative District Committee, and the County Committee.
22. "Ex-Officio" shall not be construed to mean with or without vote.
23. "Mass Meeting" is as defined in *Robert's Rules of Order*, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
24. "Party Canvass" means a method of electing chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, or Party nominees which shall include prefilng candidacies, then secret balloting at convenient polling places and hours after proper notice. Any Party Canvass that includes more than one (1) Unit shall have no less than one (1) polling place in each Unit.
25. "Convention" is as defined in *Robert's Rules of Order*, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
26. "Primary" is as defined in, and subject to, the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, except to the extent that any provisions of such laws conflict with this Plan, infringe the right to freedom of association, or are otherwise invalid.
27. "*Robert's Rules of Order*" shall mean the then-current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
28. "County Party" shall mean the Republican Party of Washington County, Virginia.
29. Definitions not set forth above, to the extent found therein, shall be those found in the State Party Plan. Definitions not set forth above or in the State Party Plan, and where not otherwise inconsistent with Article VII, Section H and Article VIII, Section I.4 of the State Party Plan, shall be those set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE III – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF THE PARTY

Consistent with the Creed of the Republican Party of Virginia, the purpose of the County Committee is to promote the promulgation of the principles of the Republican Party, which are as follows:

1. That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice;
2. That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice, and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society;
3. That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government;
4. That the Federal Government must preserve individual liberty by observing Constitutional limitations;
5. That peace is best preserved through a strong national defense; and
6. That faith in God, as recognized by our Founding Fathers is essential to the moral fiber of the Nation.

ARTICLE IV –PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

A) Qualifications

1. **In General** - All legal and qualified voters in Washington County, Virginia, as provided 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 in the Washington County Republican Party's Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, or in Primaries, encompassing their respective Election Districts.
2. Effective with adoption of the February 2014 revisions to this County Plan, a voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee shall not be qualified for participation in party action as defined in Article I for a period of four (4) years from the last date of such public support.
3. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party after February 2011, or in the last five years, whichever is more recent.
4. A single exception to Article IV, Section A (3) shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception identified in Article IV, Section A (3) thereafter. Within 30 days of receipt, the County Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the State Party, to be maintained for a period of 5 years by the State Party. The County Committee shall also retain a copy of such signed renunciation statement for at least 5 years.
5. Article IV, Section A (3) and (4), above, shall cease having any effect at such time as the election laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall provide for party registration, at which time only those registered as Republicans may be deemed to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee.
6. In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any Convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the prefilling deadline established by the Official Committee or, if prefilling is not a requirement, no later than the date of election as a Delegate. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of Article IV, Section A, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because the books have been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

B) Participation

1. All Chairmen and members of the County Committee, delegates to Conventions, and voters in Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses provided for in the State Party Plan or this County Plan, shall meet the qualifications of Article IV, Section A, and must be a legally qualified voter of the Committee or Election District which he represents as Chairman, member, delegate, or voter.
2. Participation in the nomination of any candidate for public office may not be conditioned on the payment of a registration fee; except as consistent with Article VII, Section A.1.e of the State Party Plan.

C) Qualifications in Election of Local Unit Committee Officers

To seek election to the County Committee, an individual must meet the following prefilling requirements, as well as any other prefilling requirements as determined by the County Committee:

1. The completion of a Membership Form, and
2. the tendering of payment for one year of Annual Dues in the amount established by Article VI of this County Plan.

ARTICLE V – POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

A) Powers and Duties

1. The State Party Plan shall apply to the governance of the County Committee, the Executive Committee and all Standing Committees, as provided for below, in the absence of a contrary intent expressed in this County Plan.
2. Should any action or bylaw of the County Committee conflict with the State Party Plan, the State Party Plan shall prevail.
3. The County Committee shall exercise those duties provided in the State Party Plan, Article VI Section D (1) with respect to the Unit. In addition, the County Committee will encourage qualified candidates committed to the Principles of the Party set forth in Article III of this County Plan to seek election to public office and;
 - a. Will assist in electing candidates committed to those principles;
 - b. Will assist generally the citizens of Washington County by voter education efforts; and
 - c. Will assist elected Republican officials in the execution of their responsibilities, as requested by such officials.
4. The County Committee shall call all Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, and Conventions, and make all appropriate arrangements therefor.
5. For a Convention, the County Committee shall determine the basis of representation.

6. Authority to make such arrangements (other than the date, time, and requirements (if any) for pre-filing), may at the discretion of the County Committee, be delegated to the County Chairman.

B) Nominations by Committee.

Whenever an Election District fails to nominate a candidate for public office, in the absence of an instruction to the contrary by the Convention or Mass Meeting, the County Committee is authorized to nominate such candidate or candidates by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present in a Committee meeting after such notice of intent has been included in the call of the meeting. Such he nomination(s) shall have the same force and effect as if the person or persons were nominated by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary.

C) Filling Vacancies.

Whenever candidates, delegates or alternates have been duly elected by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary and a vacancy occurs, the County Committee shall fill such vacancy in formal meeting by majority vote after due notice of such intent, including the name of any person seeking to fill any such vacancy, has been included in the call of t h e meeting. Such a meeting shall require at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice, either verbal or written.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

- A) Elected Members of the County Committee shall pay Annual Dues.
- B) Dues shall be prorated to half year beginning on the first day of July.
- C) The amount of dues shall be determined by majority vote of those members of the County Committee who are present and voting at a duly called meeting.

ARTICLE VII – COUNTY OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A) “Elected Officers”

1. The elected officers of the County Committee shall include:
 - a. The County Chairman
 - b. First Vice-chairman
 - c. Second Vice-chairman
 - d. Third Vice-chairman
 - e. Secretary
 - f. Treasurer
2. The day to day operations of the County Party shall be administrated by its duly elected Unit Officers as listed herein, subject to the terms of this Party Plan.

B) Term.

The Elected Officers shall be elected biannually by the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary called for the purpose of electing delegates to the Biennial District Convention for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

C) “Appointed Officers”

1. The Unit Chairman shall appoint the following officers subject to confirmation as provided herein:
 - a. One Magisterial District Chairman for each District, to be confirmed by majority vote of the members from their respective magisterial districts. Only an elected member of the County Committee may serve as a Magisterial District Chairman.
 - b. Finance Chairman, to be confirmed by majority vote of the County Committee
 - c. Sergeant At Arms, to be confirmed by majority vote of the County Committee
 - d. Parliamentarian, to be confirmed by majority vote of the County Committee
 - e. General Counsel, to be confirmed by majority vote of the County Committee

D) Duties

1. “Unit Chairman”

- a. The Unit Chairman shall be Chairman of the County Committee. He shall preside over meetings of the Committee and its Executive Committee; see to the execution of the resolutions of the Committee and Executive Committees; report to each on any failure of its resolutions to be executed; appoint a Secretary *pro tempore* at any meeting at which the Secretary is absent; and, subject to the resolutions of the County Committee, manage and control the affairs of the Committee as its chief executive officer.
- b. He shall be the official representative of the Washington County Republican Party to the Ninth District Congressional Committee, to the Republican Party of Virginia, and to duly-elected public officials.
- c. He shall be responsible for overseeing the activities of all standing committees, and shall serve as liaison between the County Party and multi-jurisdictional Republican campaigns.
- d. He shall be responsible, with the Treasurer and the Finance Committee Chairman, for preparing an annual budget to run from January 1 through December 31 of each year, and shall administer, with the Treasurer, the expenditure of County Party funds subject to the Party’s budget.
- e. He shall be responsible for sending written notice of the call for a committee meeting to all members of the Committee, which shall include the agenda for the meeting. He may delegate this responsibility, but shall ultimately be responsible for such written notice being sent
- f. He shall be responsible for providing a prescribed time and place, which shall be supervised by himself or a designated representative, for filing such declaration of candidacy and petitions as may be required by state law of a candidate in any primary election.

- g. He shall serve as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of all subcommittees, except the Nominating Committee.

2. "First Vice Chairman"

- a. He shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairman, serve at the request of the Chairman as the Chairman's representative at any committee meetings (State, District or Local) when the Chairman cannot attend and perform such other duties as assigned by the Chairman.
- b. He shall provide assistance to the various sub-committees and perform such duties incumbent on their position.

3. "Second Vice Chairman"

- a. He shall preside over all meetings in the absence of both the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman, serve at the request of the Chairman as the Chairman's representative at any committee meetings (State, District, or Local) which neither the Chairman nor the First Vice-Chairman can attend, and perform such other duties as assigned by the Chairman.
- b. He shall serve as a liaison to such Standing Committees as the County Chairman may designate.

4. "Third Vice Chairman"

- a. He shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairman and both the First and Second Vice-Chairmen serve at the request of the Chairman as the Chairman's representative at any committee meetings (State, District, or Local) which the Chairman cannot attend, and perform such other duties as assigned by the Chairman.
- b. He shall serve as a liaison to such Standing Committees as the County Chairman may designate

5. "Secretary"

- a. He shall record the minutes and maintain the records of the County Committee and the Executive Committee meetings.
- b. He shall maintain an accurate list of the names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of all members and shall have available for all members of the County Committee a copy of the same.
- c. He shall maintain accurate attendance records for all members of the County and Executive Committees.
- d. He shall sign, together with the Chairman, all official documents
- e. He shall call a County Committee meeting or Executive Committee meeting upon the petition of one-third of the members of the subject committee; and
- f. He shall call a County Committee meeting upon the Chairman's death, resignation or inability to act within thirty (30) days of such occurrence for the purpose of electing a new Chairman.
- g. He shall serve as the Secretary of all County Conventions and Mass Meetings until a temporary secretary is elected. He shall be to prepare, deliver, receive record and preserve the internal and external correspondence of the County Committee, any subcommittee, the Chairman or any officer, relating to the conduct of Party business.

6. "Treasurer"

- a. He shall record and collect all funds, deposit same in appropriate accounts with local financial institutions, consistent with the prudent man standard and in accordance with federal and state laws.
- b. He shall send renewal dues notices to all committee members by December 1 of each year. He shall present at each meeting of the County Committee, a detailed accounting of balances and financial activity since its last meeting. He shall prepare the annual budget, along with the Chairman and Finance Chairman.
- c. The Treasurer is prohibited from deficit spending. He is authorized to issue checks only in accordance with this budget and only to the extent that funds have been raised to meet this budget in advance of the scheduled expenditure. He shall release funds according to the following:
 1. By authorization of the County Committee authorization for any amount.
 2. By Executive Committee authorization for amounts up to \$1,000 per calendar quarter.
 3. By authorization of the County Chairman for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties, upon submission of a written receipted expense report, up to \$1,000 per fiscal year.
 4. He shall see to the preparation of all reports and filings required by Federal and Virginia law.
 5. All accounts shall require two (2) signatures for the withdrawal of any funds which may include the Treasurer, Chairman, Finance Chairman and the Vice Chairman for Finance
- d. At the end of his term all financial records and transactions shall be given to the newly-elected Chairman. These records shall include a detailed account of the financial activities and balances for each month, all bank statements and all cancelled checks.

7. "Finance Chairman"

- a. Along with the Treasurer and Chairman, he shall prepare an annual budget for the County Party.
- b. He shall be responsible for the recruiting and maintaining of a Finance Committee, which shall oversee the fund raising activities of the County Committee, as provided for in this County Plan.

8. "Magisterial District Chairman"

- a. Each Magisterial chairman shall promote the election of all Republican candidates who represent some portion of their respective magisterial districts.
- b. He shall appoint Precinct Chairmen and provide liaison between the County Committee, the candidates, and/or their campaign Committees, and the Precinct Chairmen.
- c. He shall represent his magisterial district by servicing as a member of the Executive Committee.
- d. He shall see to the effective maintenance of Precinct organization by providing supervision and guidance to the Precinct chairman.

- e. He shall also be responsible for all County Committee property within his magisterial district, but shall not be held liable for its loss.

9. "General Counsel"

- a. He shall be a member of the Virginia State Bar
- b. He shall be responsible for advising the Chairman and the Treasurer on all matters relating to election laws and campaign expenditures.
- c. He shall be responsible for answering any questions referred to him by the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or the County Committee pertaining to interpretations of State or County Party Plans.
- d. He shall be responsible for a periodic review of the Party Plan and any Rules, and shall report to the County Committee about the same.

10. In addition to the aforementioned officers, two additional officers shall be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee. Those two positions are:

- a. **"Sergeant At Arms,"** who shall be charged with keeping order at all Party meetings and events.
- b. **"Parliamentarian,"** who shall be charged with interpreting, and analyzing the application of, the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – COUNTY COMMITTEE

A) Consistent with Article VI, Section A of the State Party Plan, the County Committee shall be composed of persons who shall be elected as follows:

a. Precinct members

The County Committee shall determine the number of members from each Precinct, on the basis of one (1) member for each fifty (50) votes, or majority fraction thereof, cast for the Republican candidate in Washington County during the most recent United States Presidential election. Precinct members of the County Committee shall represent the Precincts in which they are qualified voters. Each Precinct shall have at least one (1) member on the County Committee. Precinct Members will be elected biannually at the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary.

b. Unit Officers

The County Chairman, and, pursuant to Article VI, Section B(2) of the State Party Plan, the Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer, elected at the biannual Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary shall be members of the County Committee.

c. Elected Public Officials

All publicly elected officials who have submitted themselves to the nomination process of the Republican Party and who are serving a term of office, having been elected as a candidate of the Republican Party, who are residents of Washington County, Virginia,

and who meet the requirements of Article IV of this County Plan, shall be members of the County Committee. He shall not be classified as an At-Large Member.

d. At-Large Members.

The County Committee may designate additional, At-Large Members, not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total Committee membership. At-Large Members will be elected biannually at the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary.

e. Associate Members.

The County Committee may elect Associate Members. An Associate Member shall meet all of the requirements for Members of the County Committee except for the attendance requirements of Article VIII, Section F. Associate Members shall have all privileges, and duties, of other Members of the County Committee except He shall not be entitled to a vote. Associate Members shall not count toward any limits on Precinct or At-Large Memberships nor shall he be counted when establishing a quorum.

f. Honorary Members.

The County Committee may elect Honorary Members. An Honorary Member shall not be required to attend meetings of the County Committee or pay dues, and shall not be entitled to a vote. Honorary Members shall not count toward any limits on Precinct or At-Large Memberships nor shall he be counted when establishing a quorum.

B) Unless elected and voting Members are specifically elected as either Precinct Members or At-Large Members by Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary, the County Committee may apportion those elected and voting Members among positions designated for Precinct Members and At-Large Members by majority vote.

C) Vacancies

Vacancies in the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Precinct Members and At-Large Members shall be filled by the County Committee, pursuant to Article VI; Section C (1-3) of the State Party Plan, after notice of the intent to fill such vacancy has been included in the call of a meeting of the County Committee, which notice shall include the name of any person seeking to fill any such vacancy. Vacancies shall be filled consistent with the following provisions:

1. New members may be elected to vacant memberships on the County Committee at any duly called meeting provided.
2. The prospective member shall have completed and submitted to the Chairman and/or Secretary a membership application that includes the signature of one current member of the County Committee as sponsor.
3. The name and address of the prospective member is included in the call for the meeting at which the application is to be voted upon.
4. The prospective member has submitted appropriate payment for annual dues.
5. Election of new members shall take place as the last item of business during meetings of the County Committee.
6. Each prospective new member must be present in order to be elected.

7. If a new member is unable to be present at the meeting their application is to be voted upon, their election will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Two postponements under this provision will require the submission of a new application.
8. New members shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting at the time of the election.
9. Each new member will be provided a copy of this County Plan and the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

D) Meetings of the County Committee

- a. Regular meetings of the County Committee shall be held at least monthly, except in the months of November and December, on a regular date set by the County Committee at its first meeting after the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention unless that date is temporarily changed by a majority of the members present and voting at a subsequent meeting.
- b. Meetings may be cancelled by the Chairman or by the Executive Committee by notice to all members; but no more than one meeting may be cancelled in any two-month period.
- c. Except as otherwise provided herein, ~~forty percent (40%)~~ twenty percent (20%) of the members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business. County Committee meetings may not be conducted by electronic means.
- d. All persons will be allowed to attend and to participate in any County Committee, except that non-members of the County Committee shall not be entitled to vote.
- e. The Committee shall follow the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan and this County Plan.

E) Committee Endorsements.

The Committee shall not endorse, nor contribute from its funds to, any candidate who is running for a nomination for or election to a public office unless that candidate is unopposed for that nomination or election by a duly-elected Republican candidate. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the Committee from endorsing a candidate running for public office where there will be no Republican nominee, nor to prevent a member or officer of the Committee or any of its committees, as an individual, from endorsing a candidate in the nomination or election for which there is no duly-elected Republican candidate.

F) Removal of Members

- a. Any Member of the County Committee, including its Elected Officers, may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the other members of the County Committee, after being furnished with notice that such removal will be sought, with the charges, in writing, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the Committee; and allowing him thirty (30) days within which to appear and defend himself.
- b. A member of the Committee or of any of its committees is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary. Therefore, a member of the Committee is deemed to have resigned all his Committee positions if he:
 1. Makes a reportable contribution to, and/or
 2. Allows his name to be publicly used by, and/or
 3. Makes a written or other public statement in support of, a candidate who is opposed by a Republican nominee in any Virginia General or Special or Local Election. Such member may be reinstated by a majority vote of the other members of the Committee.

G) Absences and Failure to Pay Dues.

- a. Except as provided herein, a member of the County Committee automatically loses his committee position, and shall be deemed to have resigned from the County Committee, if he is absent three (3) consecutive meetings without representation by a person holding a proxy.
- b. Furthermore, a member of the County Committee automatically loses his committee position, and shall be deemed to have resigned from the County Committee if he fails to attend, in person, at least one (1) meeting of the County Committee out of the first six (6) meetings of the County Committee following his election to the County Committee.
- c. In addition, a member of the County Committee who fails to pay annual dues by October of a given year automatically loses his committee position, and shall be deemed to have resigned from the County Committee.
- d. A vacancy created by such resignation shall be filled in accordance with this County Party Plan.
- e. The Secretary shall send written notice forthwith to any voting member of the County Committee, other than Elected Public Officials, who have been absent two (2) consecutive meetings without representation by a person holding a proxy, have failed to attend, in person, at least one (1) meeting of the County Committee out of the first six (6) meetings of the County

Committee following his election to the County Committee, or who have failed to pay annual dues by September of a given year.

- f. Such written notice shall also be sent to the Magisterial District Chair for the magisterial district in which the relevant County Committee member resides.

H) Miscellaneous Removal Provisions.

- a. A member of the County Committee shall be removed from membership upon his death or written resignation.
- b. Any member of the County Committee, other than an Honorary Member, shall lose his membership on the County Committee if he ceases to be a qualified voter in Washington County.
- c. A vacancy created under these events shall be filled in accordance with this County Party Plan.

I) Annual Membership Form Completion.

All members of the County Committee shall annually complete a Membership Form and return the same to the County Chairman or Secretary of the County Committee no later than April 30.

ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the current elected Unit-Officers of the Party, as set forth in Article VII of this County Plan, along with the following, to the extent they reside in Washington County.
1. All Magisterial District Chairmen.
 2. The Chairmen of the following three (3) committees 1) Finance Committee 2) Special Events Committee 3) Campaign Committee.
 3. The current President of the Washington County, Virginia Young Republicans, if any.
 4. The current President(s) of the College Republicans located in Washington County, Virginia, if any.
 5. The current President of the Southwest Chapter of the Virginia Federation of the National Federation of Republican Women.
 6. The Immediate Past Chairman of the County Party provided he attended at least four (4) meetings of the Executive Committee the previous calendar year.
- B) In addition, all members of the State Central Committee who are registered voters of Washington County shall be non-voting Ex-Officio members of the Executive Committee.
- C) The Executive Committee's proceedings are open to all persons to attend and watch, but persons not members of the Executive Committee cannot vote, or take part in the meeting, unless called on by the County Chairman or Vice-Chairman in charge of the meeting if the County Chairman is not in attendance.
- D) The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the County Chairman and shall have the power to issue rulings and interpretations of this County Party Plan, to adjudicate controversies and contests arising under this County Party Plan, and to conduct hearings upon written application of any interested person, where time is of the essence, between meetings of the County Committee. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to execute any tasks as may be delegated to it by the County Committee, with the exception that the County Committee may not delegate to the Executive Committee any task which the State Party Plan specifically assigns to the County Committee, other than the limited stated exception for matters in which time is of the essence, between meetings of the County Committee. The Executive Committee shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings, in such format as the Executive Committee shall determine)
- E) The Executive committee shall advise the County Chairman on all issues concerning the Republican Party in the County
- F) ~~Forty percent (40%)~~ Twenty percent (20%) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business, whether in person or on video or phone conference.
- G) The Executive Committee shall be governed by a majority vote of those present at its meeting, in person or on video or phone conference, unless otherwise provided in the State Party Plan or this County Plan.
- H) The Committee shall follow the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan and this County Plan.

- I) The County Chairman must ensure that the Executive Committee meets at least every month from January through November on a regular set monthly meeting, and if he fails to do so, shall be subject to removal as provided herein.

ARTICLE X – COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEES

- A) The Chairmen and the Members of the Standing Committees shall be appointed for one (1) year terms by the County Chairman, with the consent of a majority of the County Committee.
1. Those appointments shall be made at the first regular meeting of the County Committee following the biennial Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention, and annually thereafter.
 2. Any vacancies on the Standing Committees shall be filled thereafter as needed by the County Chairman, subject to the consent of a majority of the County Committee.
- B) One or more of the Unit Officers of the Party shall be designated Ex-Officio members of each Standing Committee, as indicated in the descriptions of the Committees, below.
- C) Where the description of a Standing Committee specifies that a Vice-Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of that committee, the County Chairman shall designate whether that is to be the First, Second, or Third Vice-Chairman. An Ex-Officio member of a committee is one who is a member by virtue of his office, and is otherwise a member of the committee with full voting privileges unless otherwise noted.

D) The Standing Committees of the Party shall be:

a. **“Finance Committee”**

1. This committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget of the Party. The annual budget shall be drawn in two parts:
 - **Part 1** will provide for the fixed expenditures of organization of the Party;
 - **Part 2** shall provide for the planned support of those persons designated by the Party as the Republican candidates seeking election to office in National, State, County, and Town elections.
2. This committee shall also be responsible for obtaining from all Standing Committees the expected or desired fund requirements that should be incorporated in the annual budget of the Party.
 - a. The budget shall be prepared so as to be completed, approved, and funded in time to provide for a fiscal year as provided in this County Plan.
 - b. This committee shall also work in conjunction with the appropriate officers and committees of the Party to plan the schedule for raising funds to support the budget on schedule.
 - c. This committee will meet at the call of either its chairman or the Ex-Officio member assigned to it, on an "as often as necessary" basis, but not less than monthly until the budgeting and financing actions have been successfully completed.
 - d. The Ex-Officio members of the Finance Committee are the Treasurer and the County Chairman.
 - e. The Finance Committee shall include the **“Sustaining Membership Subcommittee”**, which shall obtain from the Constitutional Officers, and whatever other sources as may be available, a list of the names of the registered voters in Washington County who are interested in the Republican Party, and shall design and, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, implement a program for sustaining membership for the continuous support of the Party.
 - f. Dues paid by Sustaining Members of the Party should provide, at the least, for the basic costs involved in maintaining the County Headquarters and for the sending of individual notices to all Sustaining Members that do not have an email address or other media accounts, telling them about each meeting or special event by the Party.
 - g. The Sustaining Membership Subcommittee will meet at the call of either the Finance Committee Chairman or the assigned Ex-Officio member of the Sustaining Membership Subcommittee. The Ex-Officio member of the Sustaining Membership Subcommittee shall be a County Vice-Chairman.
 - h. The Finance Committee shall include the **“FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE,”** which shall be in charge of formulating fundraising

efforts for the Party. The Ex-Officio member of the Fundraising Subcommittee shall be a County Vice-Chairman.

b. "Special Events Committee"

1. This committee shall be responsible for planning and, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, executing all dinners, picnics, outings, special meetings, and other special party functions.
2. This committee will meet at the call of either its Chairman or its assigned Ex-Officio member.
3. The Ex-Officio member of the Special Events Committee shall be a County Vice-Chairman.
4. The Special Events Committee shall include a

a. "Courtesy Subcommittee,"

1. This Committee shall formulate and submit to the County Committee for its approval policies concerning what type of response the Party should make in the event of a triumph or a tragedy in the life of any person, and shall be responsible for seeing that all such appropriate responses are made as soon as the news of the event has been received.
2. The Courtesy Subcommittee should meet at least once each year to ascertain that the policies adopted by the Party are still appropriate, to be sure that the lines of communication are clear and clearly understood by all members of the Committee, and to be sure that it is clearly understood who is responsible for the Party's response to each event.
3. The annual meeting of the Courtesy Subcommittee, and such other meetings as may be deemed necessary, will be held at the call of either the chairman of the Special Events Committee, or the assigned Ex-Officio member of the Courtesy Subcommittee. The Ex-Officio member of the Courtesy Subcommittee shall be the Secretary.

b. "Headquarters And Property Committee,"

1. This committee shall be responsible for establishing, maintaining, and staffing a suitable headquarters for the Party during those parts of the year specified by the County Committee. It will see that the headquarters is properly equipped with all necessary and suitable facilities, equipment, and furniture. It shall arrange for appropriate insurance that will protect the Party and its members and officers, and visitors to the headquarters. It will make arrangements for the headquarters to be open and manned all day on Election Day and also as many days prior to Election Day as deemed appropriate by the County

Committee. It will be responsible for all properties and equipment belonging to the Party. It shall keep records on the location and use of all such properties and equipment. It will see that all such properties and equipment are properly maintained and, when necessary, replaced. It will recommend to the Party any relocation of the headquarters.

2. The Headquarters and Property Subcommittee will meet at the call of either its Chairman or the assigned Ex-Officio member of the Headquarters and Property Subcommittee. The Ex-Officio member of the Headquarters and Property Subcommittee shall be the Treasurer.

c. “Communications Committee”

1. This committee shall communicate the Party’s message to all. The Communications Committee will meet at the call of either its Chairman or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Communications Committee shall be a County Vice-Chairman.

2. The Communications Committee shall have three subcommittees:

a. The “Public Relations Subcommittee,”

1. This committee shall send announcements of all Party activities to the newspapers, radio stations, and television stations that serve Washington County. This Subcommittee shall endeavor to get representatives from those newspapers and radio and television stations to attend the Party’s activities. It will arrange for photographs to be taken at Party activities and for descriptions of the activities to be prepared and submitted to the newspapers and radio and television stations. It will try to maintain good relations between the Party and all of the news organizations that serve Washington County.

2. The Public Relations Subcommittee will meet at the call of either the chairman of the Communications Committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Public Relations Subcommittee shall be the Secretary.

b. The “Social Media Subcommittee,”

1. This committee shall communicate the Party’s message in all manner of online social media deemed appropriate by the Subcommittee for communicating with existing Party members and/or recruiting new Party members.

2. The Social Media Subcommittee will meet at the call of either the chairman of the Communications Committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Social Media Subcommittee shall be a County Vice-Chairman.

c. The “Newsletter Subcommittee,”

1. This committee shall produce a newsletter on a regular basis, which shall be distributed to all Sustaining Members and Members of the County Committee via such means as deemed appropriate by the Newsletter Subcommittee.
2. The Newsletter Subcommittee will meet at the call of either the chairman of the Communications Committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Newsletter Subcommittee shall be the Secretary.

E) "Campaign Committee"

- a. This Committee shall assist with the campaigns in Washington County, or any part thereof, of all Republican candidates running for public office. Each such candidate, or his representative, shall be a member of the Campaign Committee. The County Chairman shall serve as the Ex-Officio member and the convenor of the Campaign Committee.
- b. The Campaign Committee shall include three subcommittees:
 1. The "**Candidate Search Subcommittee,**"
 - a. This committee will survey persons and the voter registration lists for Washington County to try to locate and identify those persons in the county who will be best qualified to serve as the Party's candidates for all offices in ensuing elections.
 - b. It will consider potential candidates for National, State, County, and Town elections. It will encourage as many persons as it finds to be well-qualified to hold each office to submit themselves to the Party for possible acceptance as the Party's candidate.
 - c. This Committee should inquire into the background and the qualifications of each person who is likely to present himself as a candidate for the Party's nomination, and may make recommendations to the Party concerning the qualifications of each such person.
 - d. However, the lack of such a recommendation is not a requirement for the candidacy of any person.
 - e. The Candidate Search Subcommittee shall meet at least once each quarter at the call of either the Campaign Committee Chairman or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Candidate Search Subcommittee shall be the County Chairman.
 2. The "**Research Subcommittee,**"
 - a. This committee shall monitor the performance in office, of all elected officeholders, national, state, county, or town, for whom the voters of Washington County will be voting. It will collect and maintain records of all issues on which those officeholders were to have voted, whether or not he voted or abstained, and, if the former, how he voted. These records

will be made available on demand to any member of the County Committee, to the Candidate Search Subcommittee, and, especially, to each of the Party's candidates.

- b. The Research Subcommittee will meet at the call of either the Chairman of the Campaign Committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member. The Ex-Officio member of the Research Subcommittee shall be a Vice-Chairman.

3. The “Nominating Subcommittee,”

- a. This committee shall prepare and present to the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention at which the County Committee and the Unit Officers are to be elected from a list of persons who are qualified and willing to serve as Elected Officers of the County Party.
- b. The committee may, if it so desires, submit more than one name for any office, and may submit the name of any member of the Nominating Committee for an office.
- c. Failure of the Nominating Committee to include a person's name in its report to the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention is not an impediment to that person being nominated from the floor of any office in the Party.
- d. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for contacting, prior to the Mass Meeting, each person on its list to be sure that that person is willing to serve in the office proposed by the Committee.
- e. The Nominating Committee will meet as soon as is practicable after the November election prior to the County Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention at which the Unit Officers are to be elected, and will meet as often thereafter as may be necessary to obtain a complete slate of qualified and willing candidates for all the Unit Offices.
- f. All meetings of the Nominating Committee will be held at the call of either its Chairman or of its assigned Ex-Officio member.
- g. The Ex-Officio member of the Nominating Committee shall be the County Chairman.

F) “Voter Services And Registration Committee”

- a. This Committee shall, working in conjunction with the local precinct organizations, will locate and identify Republican voters who need assistance with getting registered or with voting on Election Day, and shall see that those voters get whatever assistance they need that the Party can provide.
- b. The Voter Services and Registration Committee will normally meet at least one month prior to the deadline for registration and at least two weeks prior to Election Day. Those and any other meetings of the committee will be held at the call of either the chairman of the committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member.
- c. The Ex-Officio member of the Voter Services and Registration Committee shall be a Vice-Chairman.
- d. The Voter Services and Registration Committee shall have three subcommittees:

1. The **“Precinct Education Subcommittee, ”**
 - a. This committee, with assistance from the National and State Party organizations, will plan and implement training for all precinct workers. Such training should be designed to ensure that all precinct workers are familiar with their duties, responsibilities, and legal limitations, that they know the problems and pitfalls of which they should be aware, how to guard against them, and what to do if any of them should be encountered during Election Day.
 - b. The training should be available to all precinct workers, either in groups or, if necessary, in one-on-one instruction.
2. The **“Precinct Education Subcommittee”**
 - a. This committee normally should meet at least once in the early spring for long-range planning and at least once in the fall for last-minute planning. All meetings will be held at the call of either the chairman of the Voter Services and Registration Committee or its assigned Ex-Officio member.
 - b. The Ex-Officio member of the Precinct Education Subcommittee shall be a Vice-Chairman.
3. The **“Parliamentary Subcommittee,”**
 - a. This committee will train interested persons in parliamentary procedure, and which shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian and shall meet at the call of the Parliamentarian or its assigned Ex-Officio member.
 - b. The Ex-Officio member of the Parliamentary Subcommittee shall be a Vice-Chairman.

G) “Audit Committee”

- a. The Unit Chairman shall each year appoint an audit committee consisting of not less than three (3) individuals. No member of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee or individual connected with the custody of funds or recording of transactions shall be eligible to serve on said committee.
- b. If available, at least one Certified Public Accountant should serve on said committee, and in such case, shall be its chairman. Other members should have sufficient experience in business, finance or accounting.
 1. Any other committees as deemed appropriate by the County Chairman and a majority of the County Committee may be established and appointed.
 2. All Standing Committees shall follow the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan and this County Party Plan.

ARTICLE XI – WHAT TYPES OF CALLS

- A)** The Call for any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention of the Party shall be published in their entirety on the State Party’s web site, and on the web site of the County Party not less than seven (7)

days nor more than sixty (60) days, except those calls for special elections, prior to the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention. Calls published in any presidential election year shall be published at least fifteen (15) days in advance. All calls must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Washington County, unless the appropriate Official Committee votes to eliminate this requirement by affirmative vote of two-thirds of such Committee members voting. Except in the case of a special election, no call shall be published earlier than January 1 of the year in which the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention will take place.

a. Each such call shall include the following:

1. The qualifications for membership in the County Party, as stated in Article IV, Section A(1), above.
2. The date, time, place and purpose of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention.
3. In the event that a purpose is to elect delegates to a Convention, the date, time, place, purpose of, and basis of representation to that Convention shall be included.
4. If the purpose of the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass is solely to elect persons to Party office, then the amount of the registration fee, if any. However, if one of the stated purposes of the Mass Meeting or Party Canvass is to nominate persons for any public office, then there shall be no registration fee required. However, the call may publish a request for voluntary payment of a registration fee.

b. In order to be a requirement for any election or nomination for public office by a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, pre-filing shall be approved by the County Committee and the pre-filing requirement shall be included in the call. Each person desiring to pre-file must file a statement prior to the deadline for pre-filing. The County Committee or its Chairman, if authorized, may prescribe the use of a particular form for the required statement, in which case such form must be included with the call. The County Committee may, at its option, establish a filing fee for candidates for nomination for public office, as long as such fee does not exceed twice the primary filing fee for that office. Filing fees for any office are non-refundable.

1. A copy of the call shall be sent by email to each member of the County Committee who has an email address on file with the County Committee, and to the District Chairman, in compliance with all the time requirements in Article XI(A), above.
2. It is the responsibility of the County Chairman to use the most effective means available, including news media, adequately to publicize each Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention for the purpose of encouraging maximum involvement by the citizens of Washington County. This publicity shall include the method of Delegate selection, where applicable. However, the cost of such publicity shall be limited to those amounts budgeted by the Finance Committee.
3. The County Chairman shall consult with the General Counsel in determining the dates of Mass Meetings, Party Canvass or Convention and the notices required for them. The call should, where practicable, conform as closely as possible to the model forms contained in Appendix A of the State Party Plan.

4. In the event that a published call for any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention shall differ in any respect from the call authorized by the County Committee, the requirements of the published call, unless contested prior to adjournment or conclusion of the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention, shall upon such adjournment or conclusion be conclusive and not thereafter subject to contest. Participation in a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention shall not prejudice the rights of any person signing a petition, protesting the validity of such Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention.
 5. A Mass Meeting or Convention may, by unanimous consent, dispense with the reading of the call.
 6. Each Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention shall be conducted pursuant to the rules promulgated by a Rules Committee appointed by the County Chairman, with the consent of majority of the County Committee. Such rules shall provide for the use of secret ballots in instances of contested elections, and where practicable, conform as closely as possible to the model forms contained in Appendix B of the State Party Plan, and shall be consistent with Article VIII, Section J(4) of the State Party Plan.
 7. Other committees for a Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention may be established and appointed by the County Chairman, with the consent of a majority of the County Committee.
- c. All delegates to the Biennial District Convention or State Party Convention may be elected following these guidelines:
1. If pre-filing is required, all qualified individuals who have properly pre-filed shall be elected as delegates, subject to the restriction that not more than five times the number of delegate votes allotted to the Unit shall be elected in this manner. Should the number of individuals who prefile exceed the number of delegates that may be elected to any convention; the order in which individuals pre-filed will determine which are elected as delegates and which are elected as alternate delegates.
 2. If pre-filing is not required, any person eligible for election who contacts the County Chairman prior to the Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention to request to be a delegate shall have his name publicly announced at the Mass Meeting as a possible delegate, and thereafter shall be elected as a delegate, upon approval of a majority of those persons voting at the Mass Meeting.
 3. The list of delegates elected at a Mass Meeting shall be part of the minutes of such Mass Meeting.

B) County Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention, or Primary Election.

A County Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, Convention or Primary shall be held in each year in which there is to be an election for local or constitutional offices for nominating candidates for the applicable offices, and for other proper purposes.

C) Uniform Ratio for Convention.

Representation in any Unit Convention shall be by Magisterial District, Precinct, or the like, but each political subdivision shall be entitled to at least one delegate vote. In all such proceedings, the political subdivision shall be entitled to one (1) delegate vote for each 25 to 500 votes, as defined in the State Party Plan, Article II, Section 14, with the exact ratio to be decided by the County Committee, and included in the call.

ARTICLE XII – ELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- A)** Unit Officers of the Party shall be elected by a majority vote of all qualified participants present and voting at a Mass Meeting or Convention. In the case of a Party Canvass, the person receiving the most votes shall be elected.
- B)** In the absence of a Chairman for a Magisterial District at such time as no Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention is being conducted, the County Chairman may appoint such a Chairman for a Magisterial District, with the consent of a majority of the County Committee.
- C)** A majority vote of all qualified participants present and voting at a Mass Meeting or Convention shall be necessary to designate a person as the nominee of the Party for any public office. In the case of a Party Canvass, the person receiving the most votes shall be designated as the nominee of the Party for public office, subject to the provisions of Article XII, Section E.
- D)** The Party's nominee for a seat on the Board of Supervisors shall be selected by a majority vote of the qualified participants' resident in the applicable Magisterial District who are present and voting at the Mass Meeting or Convention. In the event of a Party Canvass, the person receiving the most votes from among the voters from the applicable Magisterial District shall be designated as the nominee of the Party for public office, subject to the provisions of Article XII, Section E.
- E)** A majority vote of all qualified participants voting at a Mass Meeting or Convention, or a majority vote of all qualified participants in a Magisterial District (for a Board of Supervisors seat) may elect "No Candidate." In such event, the Party will not nominate a candidate for that office, and no candidate may be nominated pursuant to Article V(B) of this County Plan. In the event of a Party Canvass, should "No Candidate" receive more votes than any named candidate, the Party will not nominate a candidate for that office, and no candidate may be nominated pursuant to Article V(B) of this County Plan.

ARTICLE XIII – RULINGS AND APPEALS

- A)** All controversies and contests arising within the jurisdiction of the Unit shall be decided by the County Committee by a majority vote of the members present and voting, except as provided herein.
- B)** The committee shall conduct hearings upon written application of any interested party.
- C)** Any person deemed adversely affected by the decision of the County Committee shall have the right of appeal to the Ninth Congressional District Committee. Any such appeal must be made in writing within thirty (30) days after the decision appealed from and the appeal must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) "Party members," subject to the provisions of Article X, Section B(4)

of the State Party Plan, and definitions of "Party members" found therein. Further appeals shall be governed by the State Party Plan.

- D) Controversies and contests arising under this Plan shall be adjudicated by the County Committee after a written statement describing the controversy or contest has been presented to the County Chairman and then brought up in the next Executive Committee for input to the County Committee. Such adjudication shall be made within thirty (30) days of presentation of that written statement.

ARTICLE XIV – INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

A) Captions and Headings

The captions and headings used in this Plan are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way limit or otherwise affect the scope, meaning or effect of any provision of this Plan.

B) Pronouns

Masculine pronouns are used in this Plan only as a matter of proper grammar and shall be construed to include persons of either sex.

C) Severability

Each provision of this Plan from every other provision hereof and the invalidity of any one or more provisions of this Plan shall not change the meaning of or otherwise affect any other provision hereof.

ARTICLE XV – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A) Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the County Committee shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- B) Notice.** Except as otherwise provide by the State Party Plan and this County Plan, wherever a notice to any person is required, the notice shall be deemed to have been given:
- a. When mailed, first class postage paid, to the most recent address of the recipient on file with the County Party, or
 - b. When sent by facsimile or Text transmission to the most recent telephone number(s) of the recipient on file with the County Party, or
 - c. When sent by electronic mail to the most recent address of the recipient on file with the County Party.
- C) Parliamentary Authority and Procedures.** All County Committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, Conventions and Mass Meetings shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with, giving precedence as listed, to the following:
- a. The State Party Plan
 - b. This County Plan
 - c. The then-current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XVI –PROXY and FORMS

A) Proxies

- a. A member of the County or Executive Committees may be represented in meeting by a proxy, subject to the following conditions:
 1. The proxy holder must be a person meeting the requirements of Article IV of this County Party Plan who resides in the same Magisterial District as, or is a member of the same organization represented by, the absent member.
 2. All proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by the maker of the proxy and shall be substantially in the following form:

B) Proxy Form

PROXY

“KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I _____ of _____, do hereby constitute and appoint _____ my true and lawful attorney, to vote as my proxy (with full power of substitution)* at a meeting of the _____ on the ___ day of _____, or at any adjourned meeting thereof and for me and in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies. However, I further state my understanding, that consistent with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Article VII, Section A (1), no individual may cast more than one vote at a meeting. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this day of

_____ (SEAL)


Witness:

_____ (SEAL)

(*) Inclusion of the power of substitution is discretionary with the member. Its omission shall preclude substitution.

C) A committee member may carry up to two proxies; however those proxies shall be counted only for the purpose of attendance. No individual may cast more than one vote at any meeting. For subcommittee purposes, all members shall be deemed to represent the County taken as a whole unless their membership expressly represents another election district or organization.

D) Membership Form



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Application for Membership (New or Yearly Renewal)

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____ Apt./Unit #: _____

City: _____ State Virginia ZIP Code: _____

Phone # (____) ____-____ Cell # (____) ____-____ Work # (____) ____-____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Please indicate which activities interest you:

<input type="checkbox"/> Phone Banks	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature Drops	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Recruitment
<input type="checkbox"/> Event Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Precinct Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

I (name) _____ am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party as stated in the Virginia Republican creed:

- That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice
- That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice, and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society
- That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government
- That the Federal Government must preserve individual liberty by observing constitutional limitations
- That peace is best preserved through a strong national defense
- That faith in God, as recognized by our Founding Fathers, is essential to the moral fiber of the Nation

And will support all endorsed and nominated Republican candidates during my term of membership.
 I also will abide by the rules and bylaws of the Republican Party of Virginia and the Republican Party of Washington County (RPWC).
 I authorize RPWC to send me Calls to Meeting and other official correspondence by e-mail at the address above.
[Strike out if you are not willing to receive such notification and correspondence by e-mail.]

And, I acknowledge that I must be present when my nomination for membership is voted upon and that my term of election will expire at the next mass meeting, Party Canvass Convention, or Primary called for the purpose of electing delegates to the Biennial District Convention.

Membership Qualifications: (see Washington County Plan of Organization Current Version February 27 2014)

- Refer to Article IV – Participation in Party Actions
- Refer to Article VI - Dues

As a member of the County Committee and the Republican Party, I agree to abide by the Bylaws of this Organization.

Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date Signed

Type of Membership: Sustaining Member *: \$15 Student Membership *: \$10 Elected @ Public Official*: \$15
 Associate: \$10 Honorary Membership: * Voting Members

Dates are Official Use Only

Date Nominated	
Date Elected	
Date Dues Paid	
Precinct	Pick Your Precinct
House District	Pick Your House District
Senate District	40

Pick your Precinct and House District

Version Date: 1/20/2014

ARTICLE XVII -- AMENDMENTS

A) AMENDMENTS

This County Plan and Bylaws may be amended by any Mass Meeting, Party Canvass or Convention by the affirmative vote of 80% of those present upon a roll call vote; or by the County Committee at a meeting by the affirmative vote of 75% of its members present, but not less than a majority of the total members of the Committee. The text of any amendments made by the County Committee must be announced at one regular monthly meeting of the Committee, then included in the call for the next regular monthly meeting of the Committee, and voted on at that next regular monthly meeting of the Committee.

B) Effective Date of Amendments.

This Plan and any amendments hereto shall become effective immediately following the close of the meeting at which they are adopted. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman upon consultation with the Parliamentarian to review the appropriateness of the text of any amendment and offer technical amendments to the wording thereof in order to ensure consistency within the document. Such technical amendments are subject to the normal quorum and voting requirements for resolutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the members of the Committee have duly adopted this Plan of Organization this 27th day of February, 2014.

Richard Macbeth

Richard Macbeth Chairman

ATTEST:

Jacob Holmes

Jacob Holmes Secretary

Amended by vote on April 24 2014 to amend Section VIII D (c) from 40% to 20% and Section IX F from 40% to 20%

Bob Kifer

Bob Kifer Chairman

Jacob Holmes

Jacob Holmes Secretary