



STATE PARTY PLAN/BYLAWS
OF THE
CONSTITUTION PARTY OF VIRGINIA

ARTICLE I
Participation in Party Actions

SECTION A. Qualifications

1. All legal and qualified voters 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 Constitution Party of Virginia, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required their accord with those principles, may participate as guests of the Constitution Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.
2. All those wishing to be members of the Constitution Party of Virginia are required to affirm they will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Virginia.
3. Virginia voters meeting the qualifications of paragraph 1 and II shall be Members of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
4. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements of Section A, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

SECTION B. Participation

All Chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, and voters in Mass Meetings or Party Canvasses provided for in the State Party Plan shall be members of the Constitution Party of Virginia as stated in this ARTICLE and must be legally qualified voters of the respective Units or election Districts which they represent as Chairmen, members, delegates or voters.

ARTICLE II
Definitions

1. "State Party" or "Party" or "CPV" means Constitution Party of Virginia.
2. "State Party Plan" means Plan of Organization of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
3. "State Central Committee" means State Central Committee of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
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“Election District” means City, County, ward of a city, magisterial district of a County, precinct, or portions or combinations of such political subdivisions which comprise the area defined by law in which an election is to be held.

5. “Congressional District” means the Election District for a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.
6. “District” means Congressional District unless otherwise designated.
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 Constitution Party of Virginia Congressional District Committee for each Congressional District.
9. “Legislative District Committee” means Constitution Party of Virginia District Committee for each State Senatorial District and each House of Delegates as the context may require.
10. “County Committee” means County Chairmen of the Constitution Party of Virginia for each county.
11. “City Committee” means City Chairmen of the Constitution Party of Virginia for each city.
12. “Unit” means County or City.
13. “Unit Committee” means County Committee or City Committee.
14. “Constitution Party Voting Strength” means a uniform ratio of the votes cast in a political subdivision for the CPV candidates for Governor and President to the total votes cast in the entire Election District for the CPV candidates for Governor and President in the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections.
15. “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 Constitution Party National Convention.
16. “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 Constitution Party National Convention.

17. “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.
18. “Official Committees” are the State Central Committee, each District Committee, and each Legislative District Committee, and each Unit committee.
19. “Chairman”, “Chairmen”, “he”, and “his” shall not be construed to denote gender.
20. “Ex-Officio” means the person holding the office and shall not be construed to mean with or without vote.
21. “Mass Meeting” is as defined in the then current edition of Robert Rules of Order subject to the provisions of the State Party Plan.
22. “Party Canvass” is a method of electing chairmen and members of Official Committees, delegates to Conventions, or Party nominees which shall include pre-filing candidacies, then secret balloting by Party members at convenient polling places and hours after proper notice.
23. “Convention” is as defined in the then current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order subject to provisions of the State Party Plan.
24. “Primary” is defined in and subject to the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
25. “Meeting” is defined as members of the Constitution Party of Virginia assembled together in person or via video conferencing such as “Go To Meeting” or similar technology and/or teleconference (as there will be members without internet access who wish to participate in the political process and shall not be excluded). “Conventions”, “Party Canvass” and “Mass Meetings” are included as a “Meeting”.
26. “Voting” shall be in person or using Google forms where the links are sent only to members directly via their email address or via an Instant Message to an individual’s Facebook account.

ARTICLE III
State Central Committee

SECTION A. Membership

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

1. State Chairman

2. Vice Chairman
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. One (1) Congressional District Representative from each of the 11 Congressional Districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia
6. At least two (2) but no more than six (6) at large members.

SECTION B. Election and Term

1. The state Chairman shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
2. The Vice Chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and will serve concurrent terms or until his successor is appointed with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
3. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
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5. The Secretary shall be elected by the Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
6. Congressional District Representatives shall be elected by Quadrennial State Convention for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected.
7. At large members shall be appointed by the Chairman and serve at his pleasure.

SECTION C. Vacancies

1. A vacancy in the office of State Chairman shall be filled by the State Central Committee with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia until the next regular State Convention, which shall then elect a State Chairman to fill the remaining unexpired term of the vacating State Chairman.
2. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman, with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Vice Chairman.
3. A vacancy in the office of Treasurer or Secretary shall be filled by appointment by the

Chairman with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Treasurer or Secretary.

4. A vacancy in the office of Congressional District Representative shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia residing in the respective Congressional District and serve the unexpired term of the vacating Congressional District Representative.
5. A vacancy in the office of At-Large-Members shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia and serve at his pleasure.

SECTION D. Duties

1. State Central Committee

1. The State Central Committee shall formulate and provide for the execution of such policies, plans, and measures as it may deem conducive to the best interest of the Party, and in conformity with the State Party Plan.
2. It shall determine whether candidates for statewide public office shall be nominated by Convention or Primary with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
3. It shall call all regular and special State Conventions and make arrangements therefore, including the basis of representation, the time and place.
4. It shall have general supervision of all statewide campaigns. Neither the State Party nor the State Central Committee, however, shall be responsible for the financing of, or any financial obligations resulting from, such campaign, except to the extent that any such obligations may be approved and assumed in writing, in advance, by the State Central Committee.
5. It shall prescribe such additional duties of the State officers and shall appoint special State Central subcommittees as it deems appropriate.
6. Whenever the State Central Committee shall determine that a District or a legislative District Chairman has failed to function as such, then the State Chairman shall appoint a new Chairman with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia, to perform the duties provided in the State Party Plan until a successor is duly elected by the applicable Committee.

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State Chairman

1. The State Chairman shall be Chairman of the Central Committee and Executive Committee.
 2. See ARTICLE III, Section E, Paragraph 1, Executive Committee.
 3. Shall call for State Conventions and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected.
 4. Shall act as necessary to promote the functions of the CPV, including online voting.
 5. Shall appoint members of the CPV with CONCURRENCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia , to represent the party on the National Committee of the Constitution Party.
 6. Shall appoint a State Communications Director or assume the responsibilities of the State Communications Director and approve ALL Press Releases with CONSURRENCE of the State Central Committee.
3. Vice Chairman
1. The State Vice Chairman shall act as the State Chairman in his absence.
 2. The Vice Chairman shall also discharge other duties as may be assigned by the State Chairman.
4. State Treasurer
1. The State Treasurer shall be custodian of Party Funds.
5. State Secretary
1. The State Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of State Central Committee meetings, which shall be the property of the committee, and shall mail a copy of the minutes of the preceding meeting, including attendance, to all members of the State Central Committee and all Unit Chairmen within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.
 2. He shall serve as secretary of State Conventions until a temporary organization is effected. He shall be the custodian of the record of the proceedings of each State Convention.

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He shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all State Central Committee members and District, Legislative District, and Unit Chairmen and shall perform such other duties as the State Central Committee or Chairman prescribes.

6. District Representatives

1. Coordinate activities at the district level with the State Central Committee.
2. Serve as representative of his Congressional District to the State Central Committee and as representative of the State Central Committee to his Congressional District.
3. Perform such duties as decided by the State Central Committee to further the goals and principles of the CPV.

7. At-Large Members

1. Perform such duties as decided by the State Central Committee to further the goals and principles of the CPV.
2. Act as representatives at-large of the State Central Committee.

SECTION E. Subcommittees

1. Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee which consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary.
2. Other members shall number at least one (1) but no more than five (5) and shall be appointed by the Chairman, with CONCURRANCE of members of the Constitution Party of Virginia.
3. The Executive Committee shall act in the name of the State Central Committee to conduct all business of the CPV when the State Central Committee is not in session.
4. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairman or by two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee with all members of the Executive Committee receiving seven (7) days notice of time and place of meeting.

2. Other Committees and Subcommittees

Other committees and subcommittees shall be formed, as needed, and members appointed to serve on said committees and subcommittees by the State Central Committee.

ARTICLE IV
Congressional District, Legislative District, Unit and other Committees

SECTION A. Membership

1. Anyone eligible for membership in the CPV according to ARTICLE I of the Party Plan is eligible for membership in Committees.
2. Formation of such Committees, and execution of duties of members, is left to the discretion of the Congressional District Representative, Legislative District or Unit Chairman so long as structure or actions do not conflict with the interests of the CPV as defined by the State Central Committee.
3. All meetings shall be posted on the Constitution Party of Virginia Facebook page and group page as well as issue a Press Release for the Call of the meeting at least a week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE V
Proxies

SECTION A. Proxies

A member of an Official Committee or the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee may be represented in meetings by a proxy, subject to the following conditions:

1. No individual shall cast more than one proxy vote.
2. The proxy holder shall be from the same election district as represented by the absent member, or the proxy holder must be an officer of the CPV: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.
- 3.

All proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by the maker of the proxy and shall be substantially in the following form:

“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 CPV _____, 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.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____(Seal)

WITNESS:

_____(Seal)

VI

Quorum and Notice

SECTION A. Quorum

1. Quorum shall be defined as at least one third (1/3) of members of Committee, or unit must be present in person or via teleconference or video conference to conduct business.

SECTION B. Notice

1. Notice shall be given for full State Central Committee meetings of not less than Two (2) weeks.
2. Notice of Executive Committee meetings is enumerated in III, Section E, paragraph d.
3. Notice for any other meeting shall be determined by Chairman of said meeting or committee.

ARTICLE VII

Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries

Rules governing Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries shall not conflict with goals and principles of the CPV or its Plan of Organization, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Rules will be enumerated at such times as they become necessary, and they shall be adopted by majority vote by such unit calling Mass Meeting, Party Canvasses, Conventions, and Primaries.

ARTICLE VIII
Delegates

SECTION A. Delegates to the National Convention

1. The election of delegates will take place at the Congressional District Level, by either primary or convention whichever is decided by the Congressional District Representative.
2. Delegates may be appointed by the State Chairman in case of organizational necessity, absence of Congressional District Representative, or in the case of failure to elect a delegate by the local Congressional District CPV members.
3. Electors for Presidential Candidates shall consist of one (1) from each Congressional District plus two (2) at-large, each of whom shall be chosen by the State Chairman.

ARTICLE IX
Change in Boundaries, Initial Organization of CPV

In the event the boundaries or a unit are changed between the time of the last preceding Gubernatorial or Presidential elections and the time set for a State or District Convention or filing with the Commonwealth, the CPV shall consider Congressional District Representatives to hold office in prior district or unit until such time as new boundaries are established and identified.

Due to the necessities of organization, the Chairman shall have broad powers to appoint members to the State Central Committee and act in the interest of the CPV to comply with the laws of the United States and Commonwealth of Virginia. At such time as these broad powers are no longer needed, they may be rescinded by majority vote of the State Central Committee.

ARTICLE X
Tie Votes

Votes that end in equal numbers shall be decided by vote of the State Chairman or senior member of that unit.

ARTICLE XI
Rulings and Appeals

1. Any official or Twenty (20) percent of members of an official committee may request in writing to the State Central Committee (SCC) a ruling or interpretation of the State Party Plan. The SCC ruling is final unless overturned on appeal by two-thirds (2/3) majority ruling of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

The State Party Plan may be amended by any State Convention by three-fourths (¾) roll call vote; or by the State Central Committee by three-fourths (¾) members present, but not less than a majority of the total members present, but not less than a majority of the total members, after notice of such intent and general text of such amendment has been included in the call of the meeting.

ARTICLE XII
Social Media

Constitution Party of Virginia Facebook Group shall be used to build and grow the Constitution Party Statewide: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ConstitutionPartyofVirginia/>

Constitution Party of Virginia Congressional District Facebook Groups shall be used to build and grow the Constitution Party in each of the ELEVEN Congressional Districts in Virginia:

Facebook Name	Facebook Group
CPV 1st CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/148794422229491/
CPV 2nd CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1206284769423451/
CPV 3rd CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688612631463615/
CPV 4th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1765233260384866/
CPV 5th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/191928097892498/
CPV 6th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1754743948073359/
CPV 7th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/636198263223297/
CPV 8th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/516783975187816/
CPV 9th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1761149230807024/
CPV 10th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/856967061101621/
CPV 11th CD	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1009681922481110/

Press Releases shall be issued via email, fax and TWITTER.COM.

Facebook and Twitter.com shall be used extensively to disseminate party information to the public. The Constitution Party of Virginia shall be the MOST TRANSPARENT as well as the MOST DECENTRALIZED Political Party in Virginia.

The Constitution Party of Virginia shall also use Google Drive to disseminate information to CPV members and the public utilizing Google Forms for voting and polling. Press Releases should be posted on Google drive and links shared with the media on Twitter.

ARTICLE XIV
Internet Voting and Screening Voters

To increase participation in Nominating Candidates when there are more than one candidate seeking a the Nomination of the Constitution Party, the Constitution Party will implement online/internet voting however, to prevent those that do NOT agree with the principles of the Constitution Party, the following information is provided:

1. All Members of the State Central Committee (SCC) will screen those willing to participate in the Nomination of candidates for Public and Party Officials.
 - a. SCC Members will ask those interested in participating in this Internet Primary/Election, if they reside in the election district for which the election is for.
 - b. The following questions will be asked of all those willing to participate in the election”
 - i. Do they believe the Federal Government’s powers should be limited to the powers delegated the Federal Government in the US Constitution?
 - ii. Do they believe the Right To Life of an unborn child is protected under the US Constitution (14th Amendment, equal protection clause)?
 - c. If the person answered “Yes” to BOTH of these questions, the SCC Member shall generate an alpha-numeric number using the following link or similar random number generator, https://www.sweepjudge.com/string_generator.htm. Generating ONE number, with Letter-Number-Letter-Number-Letter-Number-Letter-Number format. Example below:



- d. The SCC Member logs the number in an election spreadsheet on Google Drive that only members of the SCC can access, and place their initials next to the number.
- e. The SCC member then emails or texts the number to the voter along with a link to a google form that has two questions, requiring the voter to provide the number and then vote for their preferred candidate.
- f. The Chairman would delegate two Tellers, who would ensure that the person that voted had a valid number, and only voted once, adjusting the vote tally if necessary.
- g. The election can be held for a minimum of 1 week, but no longer than four weeks.
- h. Tellers would certify the winner by sending a letter emailed to the Chairman informing him/her who won the election.
- i. Someone can participate via phone or text message using similar process is used.

Article XV
Maintaining the Constitution Party Integrity

While the Republican and Democrat Parties can get away with Nominating candidates that are Habitual Liars and even jeopardizing National Security, the Constitution Party cannot afford to take such a risk and will harm the Party's credibility. The following process will be followed:

1. Any registered voter can send a formal complaint against a CP Nominee to any member of the SCC.
2. The Chairman will select a Five Member Review Board comprised of either current Civilian employees for the Department of Defense or former members of the military. These are people that have to uphold a reputation of honesty and integrity.
3. The members will look into the facts surrounding the complaint and determine if the statement or actions of the candidate were simply in error or based on misinformation or if the Nominee should have known, the Nominee was corrected and informed of the truth and continued to repeat the misinformation.
4. If it is determined by the members of the Review Board, the candidate would no longer be the Nominee of the Constitution Party.