

Goochland County Republican Committee

New Member Information

Welcome to the Goochland County Republican Committee. We are happy to have you as a member of this organization. We represent all Goochland County residents who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party. The Committee and its members organize and schedule all Republican events, such as Mass Meetings, business meetings, quarterly meetings and other candidate selection processes.

However, Goochland County Republicans at large decide who our candidates will be.

Goochland Republican Creed

We Believe-

- That faith in God, as recognized by our Founding Fathers is essential to the moral fiber of the Nation,
- That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice, and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society,
- That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic freedom,
- 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.

The Goochland Republican Creed is an adaptation of the Virginia Republican Creed. "Faith in God" is now first as the reordering of the concepts move from the individual outward to the nation. It also adjusts the compromised phrase "economic justice" to "economic freedom".

Our Committee is a part of the Republican Party of Virginia, and we are subject to the rules set forth in the Party Plan. RPV has a Party Chairman, Jack R. Wilson, and Executive Director, John Findlay, and other officers. It is headquartered at 115 E. Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

The Republican Party of Virginia

The Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) (the "Party") is responsible for conducting the affairs of the Republican Party throughout the state and at every level (unit, legislative, and district) within the Commonwealth of Virginia. To assist in carrying out this responsibility, the Party has adopted a Plan of Organization (the "State Party Plan") which establishes governing committees at each level of operation.

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Committees of the RPV

State Central Committee

The State Party Plan provides for a State Central Committee, elected principally along congressional district lines, to supervise the overall operations of the RPV. Among other things, the State Central Committee determines the method of nomination for statewide candidates, considers and adopts amendments to the State Party Plan, and provides resolution regarding internal operations from the local to the state level.

Congressional District Committees

Each congressional district is organized with a governing committee, referred to as the District Committee. The District Committee is comprised of the Unit Chairs within the congressional districts, plus a set of officers, and elected representatives to the State Central Committee. Similar to the State Central Committee, each District Committee determines the method of nomination for congressional candidates, supervises the operations of the party within the district, and resolves disputes within its jurisdiction.

Legislative District Committees

The Legislative District Committees are organized by General Assembly districts. For each House of Delegates and State Senate district (140 total), the Unit Chairs (or an appointed representative) serve as members of the Legislative District Committee. The main function of the Legislative District Committee is to determine the method of nomination for General Assembly candidates. Typically, these committees only meet when necessary to make arrangements for a nomination in an election year. Some committees may consist of only one person, while others may include a dozen or more persons.

Unit Committees

Virginia has 132 cities and counties, and within each city and county, the Unit Committee conducts the business of the party. The Unit Committee determines the method of nomination for candidates for local offices, organizes precincts and assists with elections. The Unit Committee is the backbone of the entire party structure, comprised of representatives from each precinct within the unit.

The Goochland County Unit is the Goochland County Republican Committee. It is organized by the [State Party Plan](#) and its own [Organization Plan](#).

RPV State Party Plan Link:

<https://virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Party-Plan-Amended-April-2016-2.pdf>

GCRC Organization Plan link:

https://goochland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Goochland_Bylaws_FINAL_9.28.2016.pdf

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Goochland County is represented in the United States Congress in the Seventh Congressional District. There are eleven Congressional Districts in Virginia. The Seventh Congressional District includes Amelia, Chesterfield, Culpepper, Goochland, Henrico, Louisa, Nottaway, Orange, Powhatan, and Spotsylvania Counties. Our Congressman is currently a Democrat, Abigail Spanberger.

We are also represented in the Virginia Legislature, commonly called the General Assembly. Virginia has a bicameral legislature, and consists of a State Senate, and a House of Delegates. Goochland is in the 22nd Senate District, and that seat is currently held by State Senator Mark Peake, a Republican.

Virginia has 40 Senate districts. The 22nd Senate District includes Appomattox, Amherst, Buckingham, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Louisa, Goochland and Prince Edward Counties and the City of Lynchburg. We are represented in the House of Delegates in both the 56th and the 65th Legislative Districts. Our representative in the 56th district is currently John McGuire, a Republican, and our 65th representative is Delegate Lee Ware, also a Republican. Virginia has 100 Legislative Districts. The 56th LD includes five precincts in the Eastern portion of Goochland, part of Henrico, Louisa, and a part of Spotsylvania County. The 65th LD includes five precincts in the Western end of Goochland, Powhatan, part of Chesterfield and part of Fluvanna County.

Goochland County is managed by an elected Board of Supervisors, representing the five Election Districts. The districts and the current Supervisors from West to East are:

- District 1 – Susan Lascolette(R)
- District 2 –Manuel Alvarez(R)
- District 3 – John Lumpkins (R)
- District 4 –Robert Minnick (R)
- District 5 –Ken Peterson (R)

Goochland also has an elected School Board Member from each district. The current School Board members are:

- District 1 –Michael Payne
- District 2 –Kevin Hazzard
- District 3 – Karen Horn
- District 4 – Beth Hardy
- District 5 – John Wright

The Goochland Treasurer is elected. The treasurer Pamela Johnson (R).
The Goochland elected Commonwealth's Attorney is Michael Caudill (R).
The elected Sheriff is Jim Agnew (I).
The elected Commissioner of Revenue is Jennifer Brown (I)
The elected Clerk of Circuit Court is Dale Agnew (I)

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Virginia has five offices that are elected statewide. They are Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and our two U.S. Senators. Those positions are currently held by the following persons:

- Governor: Ralph Northam (D)
- Lieutenant Governor: Justin Fairfax (D)
- Attorney General: Mark Herring (D)
- U.S. Senator: Mark Warner (D)
- U.S. Senator: Timothy Kaine (D)

The Nomination Process

Determination of the Nominating Method is one of the critical functions of the Committee toward the successful election of Republicans to Office. (More detailed information on the Nomination Process is available in the Republican Party of Virginia Handbook on Mass Meetings, Canvasses, and Conventions.

The State Party Plan prescribes four methods for nominating candidates and electing party officials (such as delegates to conventions). These methods are:

Mass Meeting -- a meeting of Republicans for a specific election district (such as a city, county, magisterial district or legislative district) called for a specific purpose (such as the nomination of a candidate or an election of delegates). A mass meeting operates under a "one person-one vote" framework and is open to all Republican voters of the election district.

Convention -- an assembly of elected delegates and alternate delegates for a specific purpose. Voting at a convention is weighted. Representation at a convention is by unit (or, at a unit convention, by precinct, ward, or magisterial district). Only elected delegates (or alternates who take the place of an elected delegate) may vote.

Canvass -- also known as a "firehouse primary," it is essentially a party-run primary that is a method of electing or nominating individuals who file in advance for a specific party or public office. A canvass, like a mass meeting, is open to all Republican voters and is conducted as "one person – one vote" (i.e., no weighted voting). Unlike the previous two methods, voting takes place over a period of several hours and may occur at more than one location.

Primary -- an election conducted by state and local officials to determine the Party's nominee for a public office. A primary requires submission of petitions and other paperwork by strict deadlines in order to be listed on the primary ballot.

The winner, as certified by the proper election officials, automatically is placed on the general election ballot.

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A brief description of our Committee is that it is we are an organization of local and state government and the electoral process. Our mission is to help elect Republicans.

As an active member of the Goochland County Republican Committee, you have declared that you are not one who only gets interested in politics a few weeks before an election. You want to be involved in the total process and have input on whose names will appear on the ballots. Great candidates help to create great government. We all have made a commitment to serve our county, our state and this great nation.

Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to working with you.

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