

Credentials Committee
5th District Unassembled Convention on 13 June 2020

Credentials Committee Members:

Greg Schumacher, Chair (Fauquier)
Terry Dixon (Rappahannock)
Dan Moy (Charlottesville City)
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Duties of the Credential Committee (CC):

- To provide certified delegate rosters to be used on the day of the drive-thru Unassembled Convention (UC) delegates who pre-filed, met the criteria of their unit call, and were certified by their unit leadership.
- Prior to the convention, to assess and determine the eligibility of any delegates who made application but were not certified by their unit leadership and to address any challenges to already certified delegates that are submitted by the deadline (27 May 2020) for consideration. While 27 May is firm for challenges other than administrative ones, appeals will continue to be reviewed up to, and including the day of the for the UC. The CC will review, once received, the reasons provided by unit committees for not certifying certain delegates, and render a committee recommendation as to which, if any, non-certified delegates should allowed to vote in the case of an unassembled convention. Disallowed delegate applicants will be informed as to the status. The same process will apply to any previously certified delegates that are challenged.
- To assess and determine the eligibility of any potential delegate who comes to the UC but was not certified.
- To certify and report to the UC leadership (District Committee) the total number of delegates registered at the convention

Process Guiding the Credentials Committee

1. The first task of the Credentials Committee will be to review ahead of the Convention or canvass process the cases of delegate applicants not certified by their respective committees and then to prepare a recommendation for the Convention delegates or appropriate committee whether any non-certified delegate applicants should be considered to be seated/allowed to vote. The review criteria will focus on the participation guidelines described in the RPV Party Plan, the District Call, respective Unit Calls, and RPV GC opinion and precedent. The Credentials Committee will also review, in case of bonafide violations of the above listed guidelines, whether renunciation forms were offered and signed, and whether, if signed previously, there was a violation of the guidance in the RPV Party Plan, Article IA.5. This process may or may not result in any proposed modification to the original certification lists provided by the Units.
2. If a person claiming to be a delegate arrives at the drive-thru certification point that is NOT on the pertinent certified delegate list for their Unit, they will be sent to the

CC area for reconciliation

3. When presented, the CC will check to see if the delegate is included in paperwork submitted by their unit Chairman. (The CC will have copy of all properly filed and certified forms submitted by unit Chairmen.)
4. If the delegate is included in the unit paperwork but was missed on the registration form, the delegate will be approved and credentials will be issued.
5. If there is a record of the delegate's application and a clear reason documented by the Unit Committee or Chairman why the delegate was NOT certified, and upheld by the 5th District Credentials Committee, that reason will stand if it is in compliance with the RPV Party Plan, the 5th District call and the Unit's Call.
6. After reviewing all necessary evidence, the CC will make a final determination as to whether or not the delegate will be credentialed and allowed to cast a ballot.. As noted above, the majority of potential cases for either a convention or authorized substitute will be worked out with appropriate recommendations ahead of the actual event.

Delegate Certified Lists

- The certified delegate lists for each unit will be prepared and printed before the Convention and reviewed for accuracy by the Credentials Committee and certified by the Chairman, Credentials Committee, Greg Schumacher and the Chairman, 5th CDC, Melvin Adams, based on the delegates submitted and certified by unit Chairmen and after review by the Credentials Committee.
- The certified lists will be issued to the Unit Chairs along with their assigned ballots and ballot box. The master certified list used for checking off delegates as they turn in their ballots will be kept with the unit's ballot box at all times.
- The ballot box and certified list for each unit will be kept in the CC tent at all times other than the unit's suggested voting time, at which time the ballot box and lists will be on the unit's lanes.