## 2014 Spring Convention



# **Information Packet**

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## Maryland Republican Party 2014 Spring Convention

### Event Details and Registration

Doubletree by Hilton 8120 Wisconsin Ave Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 652-2000 April 25th – 26th

You are responsible for making your own room reservation; please tell the Doubletree you are with the Maryland Republican Party to get our special group rate of \$95/night. <u>Reservations must be made by 4/4/14</u> Click here for online reservations: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/W/WASBHDT-MG4-20140425/index.jhtml

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# TO: REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM: CHAIRMAN DIANA WATERMAN DATE: MARCH 21, 2014 RE: MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY SPRING CONVENTION

Dear Central Committee Member,

Pursuant to Article VII, section 1.d. of the Maryland Republican Party's Constitution and Bylaws, I hereby call the Republican State Central Committee's 2014 Spring Convention to be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Registration and Check-in for the Spring Convention will be open from 5:00pm - 7:30pm on Friday, April  $25^{th}$  and will reopen on Saturday, April  $26^{th}$  at 7:00 am. Hospitality suites will be held on Friday, April  $25^{th}$  from 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

Breakfast will be held at 7:30am on Saturday, with a special guest speaker to be determined. At 10:00am, the General Session of the Convention will convene. All credentialed individuals will receive a box lunch to be eaten during the meeting. Workshops will be held in the afternoon, following the general session. (Please do not leave at the conclusion of the General Session. A lot of thought goes into these workshops and they are for your benefit.)

The convention will conclude with our *Headed for Victory* Dinner on Saturday evening. Stay tuned for the name of our exciting speaker! The Reception begins at 6:00pm, with dinner at 7pm. We will be presenting our annual awards at dinner. Please submit your nominations.

Sponsorships, vender booths, and advertising opportunities are all available as well. I also encourage you to invite friends and family to take part in the convention.

This is *our* year everyone! We have a great field of candidates and many opportunities to grow our Party. I look forward to seeing you all on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Joe at <u>410-263-2125</u> or email him at joe@MDGOP.org. Thank you again for the time and dedication you put into our organization.

Sincerely,

Diana D Waterman Chairman, Maryland Republican Party



#### Maryland Republican Party 2014 Spring Convention April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

**Tentative Agenda** *Subject to Change* 

#### Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m.	Registration Opens
7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Registration Closes
8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suites
Saturday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
7:30 a.m.	MDGOP Breakfast Speaker TBA
8:45 a.m.	Workshop 1
10:00 a.m.	Registration Closes (You must be in line by 9:45 a.m.)
10:00 a.m.	MDGOP General Session
3:15 p.m.	Workshop 2
4:30 p.m.	Workshop 3
6:00 p.m.	Headed For Victory Reception
7:00 p.m.	Headed For Victory Dinner Speaker TBA

#### Maryland Republican Party Fall Convention Double Tree Hotel Annapolis, Maryland November 23, 2013

Call to order: 12:13 pm by Chairman Diana Waterman

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Frankie Powell, (Balto. City)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicolee Ambrose (NCW)

**Anne Arundel County Executive,** Laura Neuman, Welcomed the Maryland Republican Party convention attendees to Anne Arundel County.

RNC Speakers – Steven Fong and Kristal Q. Heartfield

Steve and Kristal spoke about research surveys indicating 87% of Hispanic voter identify as conservative and Asian numbers are high too. "We need to be the party we know we can be and communicate our principals to minority voters."

#### Credentials Committee Report - Sandy Terpeluk, (Kent)

A report of all credentialed delegates was presented for review. Total possible delegates: 303 Total delegates present: 255 Total possible weighted votes: 582.9 Total weighted votes present: 517.3

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The Credentials Committee report was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Rules Committee Report** – Mary Burke-Russell, (St. Mary's)

MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION REPORT OF THE CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

SECTION 1: GENERAL CONDUCT OF CONVENTION BUSINESS

Special Rule 1. ACCESS TO THE FLOOR.

Without written permission from the Party Chairman, only Central Committee members, persons carrying valid proxies, Party Officers, Republican elected officials, Party employees, and Party contractors will be allowed within the area reserved for members. Anyone interfering with Convention business will be removed by any person designated by the Chairman as a Sergeant-at Arms, either upon a motion from the floor or at the direction of the Chairman.

#### Special Rule 2. RECOGNITION TO SPEAK.

A. Individuals may address the Convention only after first being recognized by the Chairman. Normally these individuals will be either members of the Central Committee, Officers of the Party, or Republican elected officials.

B. Members shall state their names & Counties for the record after being recognized by the Chair.

C. Only members shall speak for or against an issue during debate.

#### Special Rule 3. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.

A. Each Member of the Maryland Republican Central Committee who has officially registered for the Convention and who is present on the floor of the Convention shall be permitted to cast one vote on all motions placed before the Convention.

B. Any person carrying a valid proxy who has officially registered for the Convention and who is present on the floor of the Convention shall be permitted to cast one vote with the proxy on all motions placed before the Convention. *A later-dated proxy by a member invalidates any previous proxies by that member*.

#### Special Rule 4. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.

A. The Credentials Committee will submit reports to the Convention indicating the total number of votes (members and other individuals carrying valid proxies attending) from each County Central Committee, and the Committee report most recently approved by majority vote the Convention shall be utilized during subsequent voting

B. Unless a Credentials Committee's report is overturned by a majority vote of the Convention, all decisions of the Credential Committee are final.

C. The Credentials Committee will complete the certification of members and proxies present within thirty minutes after the Convention is called to order, although this deadline may be extended at the Chairman's direction or by a majority vote of the Committee.

D. With the exception of challenges to one's own credentials, each member who has officially registered for the Convention and who is present on the floor of the Convention shall be eligible to cast one vote on all motions placed before the Convention.

E. With the exception of challenges to the validity of one's proxy, each non-member carrying a valid proxy who has officially registered for the Convention and who is present on the floor of the Convention shall be permitted to cast one vote using the proxy on all motions placed before the Convention.

F. Challenges to credentials and to the validity of proxies will be handled by the Credentials Committee in a manner determined by that committee, and the results of all such challenges will be reported to the Convention.

#### Special Rule 5. DEBATE.

A. Members may not speak to a matter before the Convention for more than two minutes unless the Chairman or a majority vote of the Convention authorizes additional time.

B. Only the principal sponsor of a matter may speak to it more than twice, unless the Chairman or a majority vote of the Convention so authorizes.

C. Debate will be limited to five (5) speakers per side for a maximum of two (2) minutes per speaker (not including the principal sponsor of a matter). This limit may be waived by a simple majority vote of the Convention.

D. All speakers are expected to follow accepted rules of decorum. Personal attacks or innuendo will not be tolerated from any speaker, and the Chairman may rule such a speaker out-of-order and require the speaker to relinquish the remainder of his speaking time.

Special Rule 6. VOTING PROCEDURES.

A. Voting shall normally be by voice vote, with each member or proxy casting one vote. A roll-call vote will be conducted if it is required by the Convention rules, or whenever it is demanded by:

I. Three County Chairmen, or

II. Any twenty-four members, or

III. The Chairman.

B. A challenge to the Credential Committee concerning any individual's vote (see 4.D. & 4.E. above) may interrupt the voting, provided the challenge addresses whether the voter is either:

I. Ineligible to vote as a member of the County Central Committee, or

II. Not present on the floor of the convention, or

III. Improperly casting a proxy vote.

C. Any member of a County delegation, or any three members from outside that County delegation, can require that County delegation to be individually polled during any roll call vote.

D. A challenge to the tabulation of a roll-call vote shall require the same support as noted in 6.A. above. If such a challenge is made, the Chairman shall appoint a representative from each side of the issue to monitor the re-tabulation. If the parliamentary circumstances permit, and at the discretion of the Chairman, the Convention may continue to conduct other business during the re-tabulation.

E. The Convention votes reported by a County during a roll-call vote must indicate the number of members voting on every side of the issue in question, and no procedure or process whereby a majority or plurality vote is reported as a unanimous vote from a County shall be allowed.

#### SPECIAL RULE 6. VOTING

A. Total Vote from a County.

Only that portion of the vote of the County represented by individual members of its County Central Committee present, either in person or by proxy, may be cast at the convention.

B. County Votes Announced.

The Convention votes reported by a County during a roll-call vote must indicate the number of members voting on every side of the issue in question, and no procedure or process whereby a majority or plurality vote is reported as a unanimous vote from a County shall be allowed.

#### SPECIAL RULE 7. AMENDMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

In an effort to achieve a more thorough understanding of all motions made from the floor, complex motions and/or amendments raised from the floor will be reduced to written form as quickly as possible after such motion or amendment is proffered and the text of said motion or amendment will be displayed to the voting body on the screen prior to casting a vote on said motion. This effort shall be made at the express and sole discretion of the Chairman of the Meeting.

The rules were adopted by unanimous voice vote.

#### Secretary's Report – John Wafer

Minutes of the April 20, 2013, Spring Convention were included in the call to convention packet.

#### Corrections:

Deb Rey's Name was misspelled. Brandon Cooper is from Prince George's county not Montgomery County. The minutes of the April 20, 2013 convention business meeting have been corrected.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Nick Panuzio (Talbot). Second by: Wayne Definbough (Baltimore County)

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2013, convention passed by a majority voice vote. Several no votes were heard.

Treasurer's Report - Christopher Rosenthal

A new lease will be signed for a new HQ office on 67 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

#### Senate Minority Leader's Report – Senator David Brinkley

"We are not about equal outcome we are about equal opportunity."

Senator Brinkley acknowledged Mayor, Randy McClement (Frederick) and Mayor elect, Mike Pantelides (Annapolis) on their victories.

#### House Minority Leader's Report - Delegates Kathy Szeliga for Delegate Nic Kipke

Delegate Szeliga took a panoramic photo of the whole meeting room to commemorate the moment. Delegate Szeliga thanked everyone on behalf of the House Republican Caucus. She said, "We are grateful for your hard work".

She commented about the use of Baltimore County funds to install a billboard in Dundalk to inform voters that Del. John Olszewski Jr. and Councilman John Olszewski Sr., voted for the Rain Tax.

The House Caucus wants an open dialog with the party. Conference call info was handed out.

Delegate Szeliga, asked, "Who is doing a better job of spending your money, you or the Government?" She invited all Central Committee members to visit Annapolis during session. "Be a personal lobbyist." "Let's get back to what we know works."

#### Chairman's Report – Diana Waterman

Chairman Waterman, thanked all delegates to the convention for giving up their weekend to attend the convention.

Diana acknowledged Chris Fiori (Carroll) Sergeant at Arms for the meeting.

She went on to say "We can make a difference and we should be working on our municipal elections. It makes sense because the smaller universe is easier to concentrate on than your whole county."

She applauded the participants in the Super Saturday events committee.

Chairman Waterman thanked Nicolee and Faith for organizing the Super Saturday efforts that helped elect mayors in Frederick and Annapolis.

"Our number one mission is to increase our numbers and get more candidates elected in Maryland. I urge you to find support and work for a candidate. After the primary election, the nominees of the party are your candidates. You must support the nominees of the party."

Chairman Waterman announced the formation of the Old Line club. The membership fee \$8.25 / month. Please join the club today.

#### Executive Director's Report – Joe Cluster

Joe presented a PowerPoint slide show about Targeted Districts for 2014, County by County. He thanked Chairman Waterman for selecting him for the job of Executive Director.

#### National Committeewoman's Report - Nicolee Ambrose

Nicolee urged all central committee members to get involved in the Grassroots committee and the Civic Committee The Annapolis Super Saturday turn out helped elect Mike Pantelides

The Frederick County Super Saturday effort helped elect aldermen and a mayor.

The 2014 Plan for Grassroots and Civic Committee action deadlines are: 1/15/14 is the deadline for proposals for issues through June 2014. 7/1/14 is the deadline for proposals through November 2014.

Contact information: **Grassroots Committee** Chairman Faith Loudon Co-Chair Ella Ennis

**Civic Committee** Tony Campbell – Chairman Joan Gentile – Co-Chair

A Civic Committee meeting is scheduled for 1/11/2014 at MDGOP HQ in Annapolis.

Share the wealth. Prince George's Central Committee Lincoln Day Dinner grossed \$20K and shared the proceeds from the VIP reception with MDGOP. Their Donation was \$2,000.

#### National Committeeman's Report - Louis Pope

Louis thanked Central Committee members for their hard work.

RNC will be providing financial support and human resources to Maryland in 2014.

RNC has gone to a fifty state strategy for the 2014 election. We need to be working in minority, ethnic, elderly communities.

RNC is developing technology in Silicon Valley to provide tech tools to win in 2014.

RNC has been raising record funds. So far, \$78 million has been raised this year. The average donation is \$54.

"We will have a smashing victory due to the roll out of OBAMACARE. We will pick up seats in Maryland and Nationally. We want to make sure that every ballot slot is filled on Election Day. Encourage the candidates in your county to attend Pathfinder candidate training."

#### Resolutions Committee Report – Loretta Shields (Howard)

Four resolutions were submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. Two were accepted and two were rejected The following resolutions, approved by the committee, were read into the record:

Maryland Republican Party Winter Convention November 22-23, 2013 Resolution #1: Subject: Holding Office and Candidacy – Incarceration for Convicted Offenses Sponsor: John C. Fiastro Jr.

**Whereas,** The Maryland Republican Party should be consistent in its expectations of elected officials of all political parties, and

**Whereas,** The Maryland Republican Party should not hold Democrat elected officials to one standard and Republican elected officials to another, and

Whereas, The members of the Maryland Republican Party work exceptionally hard to instill confidence in our political system, and

**Whereas**, That hard work should not be jeopardized by elected officials convicted of offenses committed while in office and subsequently incarcerated on that conviction, now, therefore,

**Be it resolved,** The Maryland Republican Party calls upon any elected official who has been so convicted and incarcerated to vacate their respective office, and

**Be it further resolved,** That the Maryland Republican Party discourages any elected official who has been so convicted and incarcerated from seeking election or reelection to a public office, and

**Be it further resolved,** That the Maryland Republican Party will not endorse or support those so convicted and incarcerated public officials, who, notwithstanding the above, continue to seek or hold public office.

Sponsor: John C. Fiastro Jr.

Discussion was heard

Amendment by Patrick Knisler (Baltimore Co) to insert "Excluding civil disobedience" after "Conviction" in all cases.

Second by Andi Morony (Queen Anne's)

Vote: The Amendment failed by voice vote

Alan Rzepkowski (Anne Arundel) called the question Second: Jim Voss (Prince George's) The voice Vote was too close to call. The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Yes= 379.1 No= 133.2 Abstentions= 1.7 The motion to call the question passed. Vote on the original resolution: Voice Vote was too close to call. The Chairman called for a roll call vote Roll call vote: Yes=110.9 No=395.1 Abstentions= 7.9 The roll call vote on the original resolution failed

#### Maryland Republican Party Committee on Resolutions

**Resolution #2:** 

#### **RESOLUTION: Encouraging the Growth of the MDGOP**

**AUTHOR: David Karl Schoenbrodt Myers, Howard County** 

Whereas, the goal and duty of the Maryland Republican Party lies in increasing registered Republicans

**Whereas,** *the birth of the Pro-Liberty movement has introduced young adults to conservative principles of governance* 

Whereas, the Republican Party believes in limited and efficient governance

**Whereas,** *The Republican Party has in the past sent mixed messages to those who agree with the party platform on many points, but not all* 

**Whereas,** *The MDGOP must adapt its message and outreach strategy to welcome all to the party* 

**Whereas,** *The MDGOP works most effectively when we work as a broad coalition in fighting Democratic Party Policies* 

**Be it Recommended,** *That the new Chairperson and each subsequent Chair create an advisory committee and formulate a plan of action in order to welcome those with diverse views to our party* 

**Be it Resolved,** that the MDGOP is welcome to all with differing backgrounds and views as we work to bring fiscal responsibility back to our state and repair the damage inflicted by tax and spend economics.

Humbly Submitted by: David Karl Schoenbrodt Myers Vice Chairman, Howard County Republican Party

Discussion was heard

An amendment to remove: "Whereas, *The Republican Party has in the past sent mixed messages to those who agree with the party platform on many points, but not all*" was made by: Seth Wilson (Washington) Second by: Carole Voss (Worcester) Vote on the amendment: Voice Vote: the majority voted yes

The amendment Passed.

Discussion continued for and against the resolution.

Vote on the Resolution: Voice vote: The majority voted No The resolution as amended failed.

Chairman Waterman announced that she will adopt the recommendation "*That the new Chairperson and each subsequent Chair create an advisory committee and formulate a plan of action in order to welcome those with diverse views to our party.*" part of the resolution

New business Motion to accept a resolution from the floor by Lonni Ropp (Frederick) Second: Andi Morony (Queen Anne's) By-Laws require a 2/3 vote from those present to receive approval to be presented to the convention. Roll call vote to accept the resolution: Yes=331.1 No= 167.32 The motion to present the resolution from the floor failed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Josh Horner (Talbot) Second by: Steve Frey (Somerset) The motion failed by voice vote.

The motion to adjourn was referred to Roll Call Vote. Roll call vote to adjourn the convention: Yes = 387.61 No= 88.45The motion to adjourn passed.

Time of adjournment 3:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by John D. Wafer, Secretary Maryland Republican Party



MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY 2014 Spring CONVENTION Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER **INVOCATION** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **GUEST SPEAKER** CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT RULES COMMITTEE REPORT SECRETARY'S REPORT TREASURER'S REPORT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SENATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT HOUSE LEGISLATIVE REPORT NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN'S REPORT NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT FINAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT** NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT **OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS** ADJOURNMENT

#### 2014 Spring Convention Registration Form (or register online, www.mdgop.org/2014convention)

Name:			
Addres	s:		
City, St	tate, Zip:		
Email:		Telephone:	
		Occupation:	
		equires us to use out best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, employer and occ ntributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.	upation
	-	form and mail it to: MDGOP, Attn: Joe Cluster, 69 Franklin Street, Annapo to joe@mdgop.org	lis,
Please cl	hoose one per p	person:	
1)	VIP Convention	ion Package (\$200/person before 4/16, \$215/person after 4/16)	
	•	All Workshops	
	•	Guest or Delegate Credential for Convention	
		(No admittance to Convention without a certified credential)	
	•	Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday VIP Reception Saturday night	
	•	Gala Dinner Saturday night	
2)	Dinner Conv	vention Package (\$150/person before 4/16, \$165/person after 4/16)	
,	•	All Workshops	
	•	Guest or Delegate Credential for Convention	
		(No admittance to Convention without a certified credential)	
	•	Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday Gala Dinner Saturday night	
3)	Regular Con	wention Package (\$90/person before 4/16, \$105/person after 4/16)	
	•	All Workshops	
	•	Guest or Delegate Credential for Convention (No admittance to Convention without a certified credential)	
	•	Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday	
4)	Convention a	and Workshops Only (\$65/person before 4/16, \$80/person after 4/16)	
	•	All Workshops	
	•	Guest or Delegate Credential for Convention (No admittance to Convention without a certified credential)	
	•	Lunch on Saturday	

2014 Spring Convention VIP	\$200 each	
Reception & Dinner Pkg		
2014 Spring Convention	\$150 each	
Dinner Pkg		
2014 Spring Convention	\$90 each	
Regular Pkg		
Convention/Workshops Only	\$65 each	

Price contingent on registering by 4/16, \$15 late fee assessed after close of business 4/16

\_\_\_\_\_ My Check is Enclosed (Payable to MDGOP)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Charge my Credit Card (Personal Credit Cards Only)

Visa	Mastercard	AmEx	Discover
Name on Card:			
Card Number:		Exp. Date:	
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\*If you are purchasing more than one ticket to each event please list your guests' names below:

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2	5
3	6

Contributions are not tax deductible. Contributions are limited to federal contribution limits. All contributions received in response to this solicitation will be deposited in the Maryland Republican Party federal account unless otherwise prohibited. Federal election law requires the Maryland Republican Party to report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose aggregate contributions are in excess of \$200 per calendar year. Contributions from corporations and foreign nationals are prohibited.

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#### CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER PROXY FORM

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, County/Legislative District, do hereby, name, designate, and appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a resident and qualified voter of the aforementioned County or Legislative District, as my true and lawful agent to act in my stead in all matters coming before the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Convention of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland, with full power to vote and act on all matters, as if I were present and acting on my own behalf.

Signature of Member

Witness (signature)

Date

Witness (please print name)

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PROXY

I swear and/or affirm under the penalties of perjury that I am a registered Republican voter from the County/Legislative District, as applicable, of the Central Committee from whom I accept this proxy.

Proxy Signature

Address

Date

Printed Name

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