

# 2008 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION –

## THE VIRGINIA DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*This publication provides information regarding Virginia's Democratic National Convention Delegate Selection Process in a question and answer format. For additional information, including the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan and other materials, contact the State Democratic Party at 804-644-1966 (toll-free 1-800-322-1144) or go to: [www.vademocrats.org](http://www.vademocrats.org)*

#### **I. THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

##### **1. What does the Democratic National Convention do?**

It nominates the Democratic Party's candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and adopts the Party's Platform.

##### **2. When and where is the Democratic National Convention?**

The Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, on August 25-28, 2008.

##### **3. How many people will attend?**

The National Convention will have approximately 4,400 Delegates and 600 Alternates.

##### **4. How can I attend the convention?**

You can be elected as a Delegate or Alternate, be selected to serve on a standing committee, or volunteer with the Democratic National Committee or a campaign.

##### **5. How do I volunteer to work at the Convention?**

The Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee is organizing volunteers. To volunteer for the Convention, contact the Democratic National Convention Committee at 720-DNC-2008 (362-2008) or [info@demconvention.com](mailto:info@demconvention.com). The DNCC office is located at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202.

##### **6. How does the Nomination Process work?**

Rather than voters directly nominating a presidential candidate, their votes are translated into delegates that are distributed according to the level of support the candidates receive. Each state receives a certain number of delegates according to a formula agreed upon in advance of the convention. Those delegates are selected by rules formulated at the state level in keeping with national guidelines. Most (around four-fifths) of the delegates already "pledged" to candidates based on the voting in state primaries and caucuses, so the nominee could be known in advance. However, there are complicating factors, such as delegates that have not pledged their allegiance to a candidate, as well as rules

governing how delegate votes are allocated when candidates drop out of the race. Once a candidate locks up a majority of the delegates, that candidate can receive the party nomination.

## **7. What is the National Platform?**

The National Platform is an official statement of the Party's position on a wide variety of issues. A new platform is adopted every four years by the Democratic National Convention. The Platform Committee is responsible for drafting and recommending a proposed National Platform for approval at the Convention. Any person may submit a written statement concerning the Platform to the Platform Committee at any time prior to the Committee's meeting.

## **II. THE VIRGINIA DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS**

### **1. How is the Virginia Delegation to the National Convention selected?**

Virginia has a two part process:

First, a primary will be held on February 12, 2008. The primary vote will be used to allocate delegates to the National Convention ("National Delegates") among the different Democratic candidates.

Second, cities and counties across the Commonwealth will hold caucuses that will select "State Delegates" to Congressional District Conventions and a State Convention. The State Delegates will also be allocated among the Democratic candidates in proportion to the percentage of their vote in the primary. The State Delegates will then elect the National Delegates.

### **2. How many National Delegates does Virginia get?**

Virginia will elect 85 National Delegates and 14 Alternates. Each of Virginia's 11 Congressional Districts will elect between 4 and 7 National Delegates and one Alternate. The remaining 31 Delegates and 3 Alternates will be elected at the State Convention. Another 18 National Delegates are Party Leader and Elected Officials who are "automatic" delegates by virtue of their offices (*e.g.*, Governor, Democratic National Committee member).

### **3. Is the Virginia Delegate Selection Process open?**

Yes, the process is open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability. The Party also has an active affirmative action and outreach program to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the process.

### **4. How do I become a delegate?**

Read on.

### **III. THE VIRGINIA NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **1. Who can be a National Delegate?**

The process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of delegate selection meetings will be publicized.

#### **2. How much does it cost?**

There is no mandatory cost or fee required to become a National Delegate.

#### **3. What are the types of delegates and how are they selected?**

Pledged delegates differ from unpledged delegates in that they must openly commit to a candidate before the vote and are subject to review by that candidate. Unpledged delegates are sometimes referred to as “automatic” or “superdelegates.”

District-Level Delegates – Virginia has 54 National Delegates that will be elected at the Congressional District Conventions to be held in May of 2008. National Delegate candidates must file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential preference and a signed pledge of support the candidate fifteen days prior to the District Convention. National Delegate candidates must run for election in the district in which they are registered to vote, and are subject to review by the candidate they support.

At-Large Delegates – Virginia has 18 National Delegates who will be selected At-Large at the State Convention on June 14, 2008. Candidates for At-Large National Delegate must also file a statement of candidacy designating the presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the candidate five days in advance of the Convention.

Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates – Virginia will elect 11 “Pledged PLEO” National Delegates at the State Convention. These positions are considered according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.

Unpledged PLEO National Convention Delegates – DNC Members, Democratic House and Senate members, Democratic governors, and former Democratic Party leaders are automatically confirmed to the state parties. Virginia currently has 16 such Delegates

Add-on Delegates – The State Convention will also elect two (2) Unpledged Add-On Delegates, to be nominated by the State Party Chair.

#### **4. What about National Convention Alternate Delegates?**

National Alternate Delegates are selected by same process as Delegates. State parties provide for the conditions under which alternates may “replace” a Delegate at the National Convention. Virginia will elect one (1) alternate per congressional district at the Congressional District Convention and three (3) at the State Convention.

**5. What are the National Convention Standing Committees?**

The National Convention will have Platform, Rules, and Credentials Committees. Virginia will have four (4) members on each committee. The Virginia Delegation will elect the committee members at the State Convention.

**6. What about Pages?**

Virginia will have three (3) pages, selected by the State Democratic Party Chair.

**IV. THE FEBRUARY 12, 2008 PRIMARY**

**1. When will Virginia's primary be held?**

February 12, 2008, with voting from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**2. Where will the primary voting take place?**

At your regular polling place.

**3. Who can vote?**

Any registered voter can vote in the primary, but the voter must select either the Democratic or Republican Presidential Primary and will be entered in the poll book for that party's primary.

**4. Can only Democrats vote in the primary?**

Virginia does not have voter registration by party. Any voter can select the Democratic Primary in which to vote and will be entered in the Democratic poll book.

**5. When is the voter registration deadline?**

To vote in the February 12, 2008 primary, persons must be registered to vote by January 14, 2008.

**6. How can I register to vote?**

Contact the State Board of Election or your city or county registrar's office. You can contact the State Board at: **Virginia State Board of Elections**, Suite 101, 200 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3485, Telephone: 804-864-8901, Toll Free: 800-552-9745, Fax: 804-371-0194.

**7. How do Presidential Candidates get on the ballot?**

Presidential Candidates must submit a Declaration of Candidacy and 10,000 signatures, including 400 from each Congressional District, by December 14, 2007. The State Democratic Party has undertaken to collect at least 5,000 signatures for all of the candidates.

**8. Can I vote in the Primary if I am not 18 years old, but will be 18 by the day of the General Election (November 4, 2008)?**

Yes. If you will be 18 years old by or on the date of the general election (November 4, 2008), you can go ahead and register to vote and vote in the February 12, 2008 primary.

**V. ALLOCATION OF VIRGINIA'S NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AMONG PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

**1. How is the primary used to allocate National Convention Delegates among Presidential candidates?**

The Presidential Primary result totals will be used to allocate the National Delegates. For example, if there are three candidates, and candidate A receives 50% of the statewide primary vote, candidate B gets 30%, and candidate C gets 20%, then at the State Convention, Candidate A receives 50% of the At-Large Delegates (9 delegates), candidate B 30% (5 delegates), and candidate C 20% (4 delegates). The National Delegates for each Congressional District are apportioned the same way among the Presidential candidates.

**2. What if a Presidential candidate doesn't get 15% of the primary vote?**

If a candidate does not get 15% of the total vote at any level, he or she cannot be allocated any delegates at that level. For example, if candidate A gets 50% in one congressional district, but less than 15% in every other district and statewide, candidate A will be apportioned 50% of the delegates in that one district, but receive no other delegates.

**3. What if a Presidential candidate wins National Delegates, but drops out before the State Convention?**

The Delegates are allocated to the remaining candidates.

**4. How is the primary used to allocate the State Convention delegates (who will elect the National Convention delegates)?**

The allocation process will work the same way – the percentage a Presidential candidate receives in the primary in each city and county will be used to allocate State Convention Delegates among the candidates for each city and county. The 15% threshold rule still applies so that, *e.g.*, a candidate who does obtain at least 15% of the primary vote in a city or county is not awarded any State Delegates from that city or county.

**5. Can Virginia Democrats vote for "Uncommitted" National Delegates in the primary?**

No. All of the National Delegates (except the automatic PLEOs and the two (2) Unpledged Add-On Delegates) must be committed to a Presidential candidate.

## **VI. THE VIRGINIA CAUCUSES**

### **1. What do the Virginia caucuses do?**

The caucuses will elect 2,000 State Delegates and 1,000 Alternates who will attend their Congressional District Convention and the State Convention and elect the National Convention Delegates.

### **2. When are the Caucuses held?**

They will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 12:00 noon or Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

### **3. Who can participate in the Caucuses?**

Any registered voter may participate. The voter, however, must sign a certification that he or she is a registered voter in the jurisdiction, is a Democrat, believes in the principles of the Democratic Party, and does not intend to support a candidate opposed to the Democratic nominee in the next election.

### **4. What are the different types of caucuses?**

Caucuses may be “assembled” (or mass meetings) where the doors are closed at the starting time and the elections proceed or “unassembled” (or “firehouse primaries”) where voters attend, cast ballots, and leave over a period of several hours.

### **5. Are slates of State Delegate candidates allowed?**

Yes.

### **6. How are State Alternates selected?**

It is up to the city or county committee calling the caucus. Alternates may be the next-highest-vote getters or may be separately elected.

### **7. Is pre-filing required to be a State Delegate?**

Yes, the deadline is five days prior to the caucus: April 14 for April 19 caucuses and April 16 for April 21 caucuses.

### **8. Can the caucus be cancelled if only the necessary number (or fewer) of State Delegates and Alternates pre-file?**

Yes.

**9. How are the State Convention Delegates apportioned among Virginia's cities and counties?**

The State Delegates are apportioned among Virginia's cities and counties using a formula based on Democratic vote in recent elections.

**10. What if after the caucuses, there are vacancies in a city or county's delegation to the district or state conventions?**

Delegate vacancies are filled by promoting alternates who support the same presidential candidate to the delegate position. The delegation then elects additional persons to fill the alternate positions, with the new alternates having the same presidential preference as the alternate replaced. The delegation may elect new alternates at a specially called meeting, or more commonly, at the convention.

**VII. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

**1. What do the Congressional District Conventions do?**

These Conventions elect 4 to 7 National Delegates and one National Alternate. The conventions also elect one representative to the Electoral College.

**2. When are the Congressional District Conventions held?**

The Congressional District Conventions will be held on May 10, 17, or 24, 2008.

**3. Where will they be held?**

Each Congressional District Democratic Committee will determine the date and location and publicize that information.

**4. Who can attend District Conventions?**

The State Delegates and Alternates elected at the city and county caucuses will attend and cast votes for National Delegates. The Conventions are open to observers.

**5. How many National Convention Delegates will each Congressional District Convention elect?**

The number and gender of the National Delegates elected at the District Conventions is as follows:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	2	2	4	1	0	1
#2	2	2	4	1	0	1

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#3	3	3	6	0	1	1
#4	3	2	5	0	1	1
#5	2	2	4	1	0	1
#6	2	2	4	0	1	1
#7	2	3	5	1	0	1
#8	3	4	7	1	0	1
#9	2	2	4	1	0	1
#10	3	2	5	0	1	1
#11	3	3	6	0	1	1

**6. Are there gender requirements for National Delegates elected at the District level?**

Yes, Virginia's National Delegates must be equally divided between men and women, and so the gender of the National Delegates to be elected at the Congressional District level is predetermined (as shown above).

**7. Do District Conventions adopt resolutions?**

Yes, as determined by the Congressional District Committee, the District Convention may have a Resolutions Committee and adopt resolutions.

**8. Do District Conventions have standing committees?**

The District Conventions have Rules and Credentials Committees and may have a Resolutions Committee.

**VIII. STATE CONVENTION**

**1. What does the State Convention do?**

It elects the At-Large, PLEO, and Unpledged Add-On National Delegates and Alternates. It also elects two representatives to the Electoral College, Virginia's four members of the Democratic National Committee, and generally adopts a Platform.

**2. When and where will the State Convention be held?**

June 14, 2008 in Hampton, Virginia, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

**3. How many National Convention Delegates will the State Convention elect?**

As discussed above, Virginia will elect 18 At-Large Delegates, 11 Pledged PLEOs, 2 Unpledged Add-On Delegates and 3 At-Large Alternates.

**4. Are there gender requirements for National Convention Delegates elected at the State Convention?**

Yes, the State Delegation must be equally divided between men and women.

**5. Will the State Convention adopt a platform?**

Traditionally, the State Convention does adopt a platform. A Platform Committee will be selected prior to the Convention and receive submissions.

**6. What are the State Convention Committees?**

There will be State Platform, Rules and Credentials Committees

**IX. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & OUTREACH**

**1. Does Virginia have an affirmative action and outreach plan?**

Yes, to ensure that the Democratic Party at all levels is an open Party that includes rather than excludes people from participation, Virginia has adopted a program of effective affirmative action

**2. What are the principles of the Virginia Democratic Party's Affirmative Action effort?**

- We welcome all into our Democratic Party.
- We conduct outreach to all communities.
- We seek to increase participation of All constituencies.
- We especially focus on outreach to Democratic constituencies including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, women, ethnics, youth, persons over 65 years of age, veterans, lesbians and gay men, workers, persons with a high school education or less, persons with disabilities, and persons of low and moderate income.

**3. Who implements this plan?**

A State Affirmative Action Committee has been selected in 2007. It is chaired by State Senator Donald McEachin and Delegate Jennifer McClellan.

**4. How is the Affirmative Action Plan implemented?**

The Committee will publicize the primary and the delegate selection process to all media. It will focus special efforts on minority, student, constituency media, press and publications. The Committee will also Work with City, County, District Affirmative Action/Outreach Committees and contact and inform constituency organizations about the process.

**5. Will a Speaker's Bureau be set up to talk to my group about Virginia's delegate selection process?**

Yes; contact the State Democratic Party for additional information.

**6. Are there goals for representation of groups in Virginia’s National Convention Delegation?**

Yes, as part of its Affirmative Action Plan, the Democratic Party has adopted the “Representation goals” of 19 African-Americans, 4 Hispanics, 4 Asian/Pacific Americans and 1 Native American. These goals constitute neither a ceiling nor a floor.

In addition, the Party has adopted Inclusion goals of 12 Youth (age 35 and under), 6-7 Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and 5 People with Disabilities

**X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**1. Where can I get additional information about the Virginia process?**

Contact: Democratic Party of Virginia, 1710 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23223, Telephone: 804-644-1966 (or toll-free 1-800-322-1144), Fax: 804-343-3642, Web Site: [www.vademocrats.org](http://www.vademocrats.org)

**2. What materials are available?**

Materials include the Delegate Selection Plan itself, this Q&A form, a one-page summary, a brochure, and a PowerPoint presentation.

**3. Where can I get information about the National process, including volunteering for the National Convention?**

*See:* <http://www.demconvention.com/index.html>. *See also* the Democratic National Committee website: <http://www.democrats.org/ourparty.html>

**4. Where can I get more information about the Democratic Candidates?**

Contact their websites:

Biden for President – <http://www.joebiden.com>

Hillary for President – <http://www.hillaryclinton.com/>

Chris Dodd for President – <http://www.chrisdodd.com/>

John Edwards for President – <http://www.johnedwards.com/>

Mike Gravel for President – <http://www.gravel2008.us/>

Kucinich for President – <http://www.dennis4president.com/>

Obama for America – <http://www.barackobama.com>

Bill Richardson for President – <http://www.richardsonforpresident.com/>

**5. Is there a summary of the Delegates Selection Process in Virginia?**

*See Attachment A.*

**6. Is there a timeline of important events in the Virginia Delegate Selection Process?**

*See Attachment B.*

**ATTACHMENT A: VIRGINIA DELEGATE SELECTION SUMMARY**

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and Alternates	54	11	May 10, 17 or 24, 2008	Selecting Body: District Convention
				Must be a Democrat and registered voter in the district. Must file a statement of candidacy and pledge of support to presidential candidate with State Party and Congressional District Chair at least 15 days before the District Convention.
Unpledged PLEO Delegates*	16	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates**	2	n/a	June 14, 2008	Selecting Body: State Convention
				No filing requirements.
Pledged PLEOs	11	***	June 14, 2008	Selecting Body: State Convention
				Must be a Democrat and registered voter. Must file a statement of candidacy and pledge of support to presidential candidate with State Party by 5:00 p.m. June 2, 2008.
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	18	3	June 14, 2008	Selecting Body: State Convention
				Must be a Democrat and registered voter. Must file a statement of candidacy and pledge of support to presidential candidate with State Party by 5:00 p.m. June 2, 2008.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	101	14		

\* Unpledged PLEO delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the DNC Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

\*\* Unpledged Add-on delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*.

\*\*\* Pledged PLEO alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

**ATTACHMENT B: TIMELINE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>2007</b>	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 10	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Affirmative Action plan.
March 19	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Chair.
March 23	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 23	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the Steering Committee of State Central Committee.
April 27	Steering Committee of State Central Committee meets and reviews public comments, and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC RBC. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
April 30	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC RBC.
May 18-19	Democratic Party of Virginia Steering and Central Committee Meetings (for information only).
July 1	First day on which presidential primary petitions may be circulated. Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Headquarters. State Board of Elections to make Ballot Access Requirements available.
September 7-8	Democratic Party of Virginia Steering and Central Committee Meetings (for information only).
September 8	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
October 1	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
November 14	State Party Chair to notify State Board of Elections of decision to hold a presidential primary, the method of delegate selection, and requirements for voter participation.
December 14	Deadline for submission of presidential candidate Declaration of Candidacy and petitions to State Board of Elections.
December 19	Deadline for State Party Chair to certify names of candidates deemed qualified to appear on the presidential primary ballot.
December 20	State Board of Elections conducts drawing for placement of candidate names on presidential primary ballot.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>2008</b>	
January 7	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 14	Last day to register to vote in the presidential primary.
January 29	Filing deadline for candidates for select temporary national convention standing committees (to be selected by Steering Committee of State Central Committee).
February 5	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot application to vote in presidential primary.
February 8	Steering Committee of State Central Committee selects temporary national convention standing committee members.
February 9	Deadline for voter to vote absentee in-person at county or city registrar's office.
February 12	<b>Presidential preference primary.</b>
February 22	County and city and to notify State Party of method of nomination of delegates and alternates and dates and locations of local caucuses (and conventions, if applicable).
February 26	State Board of Elections certification of primary results.
February 28	Congressional districts to notify State Party of date and time of district conventions. District Committees to select members of the State Convention temporary Credentials, Rules and Resolutions Committees.
March 1	DNC confirms names of unpledged PLEO delegates.
March 1	State Central Committee issues Call to Convention by this date.
March 19	County and city Calls to Caucus completed and forwarded to State Party and Congressional District Chairs.
March 21	County and city Calls to Convention completed and forwarded to State Party and Congressional District Chairs (if applicable).
April 4	Congressional District Calls to Convention completed and available for review.
April 12	Temporary rules available for caucuses held on April 19 or April 21.
April 14	5:00 p.m. – Pre-filing deadline for State/District Convention delegates and alternates elected at April 19 caucuses.
April 16	5:00 p.m. – Pre-filing deadline for State/District Convention delegates and alternates elected at April 21 caucuses.
April 19: 12:00 p.m. April 21: 7:30 p.m.	County and City caucuses.
April 26	Last day for county or city conventions.
April 25 May 2 May 9	Filing deadlines for district-level delegate and alternate candidates will be 5:00 p.m. April 25 (for May 10 conventions) May 2 (for May 17 conventions) May 9 (for May 24 conventions).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>2008</b>	
April 26 May 3 May 10	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates: April 26 (for May 10 conventions) May 3 (for May 17 conventions) May 10 (for May 24 conventions).
May 2, 9, or 16	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
May 10, 17, or 24	Congressional District Conventions.
May 13, 20, or 27	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the DNC.
May 19	Final date for certification by State Chair of Presidential candidates' affirmative action efforts.
June 2	5:00 p.m. – At-large delegate and alternate and pledged PLEO candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
June 3	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
June 6	5:00 p.m. – Presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates and pledged PLEO delegates to State Party. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
June 7	State Party Chair nominates Unpledged Add-On Delegates.
June 14	State Convention convenes. Unpledged add-on and pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Convention elects at-large delegates and alternates.
June 14	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 17	Deadline for State Party Chair to certify the remainder of elected delegates and alternates (Unpledged add-on, PLEOs, and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.