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The Convention Cycle

The convention cycle in Georgia occurs every year except a year in which there is a gubernatorial (governor) election. There are several events that occur during the convention cycle. Each builds on the previous event.

Precinct Caucus Meetings

The purpose of Precinct Caucus Meetings is for each voting precinct in the county to meet and elect a precinct chair, a precinct secretary, and any other officers the precinct determines as necessary. Once elected, the precinct chair automatically becomes a member of the County Committee. After this election, the caucus selects delegates and alternate delegates to the County Convention. The number of delegates is determined by General Election voter turnout per precinct for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last election.

County Convention

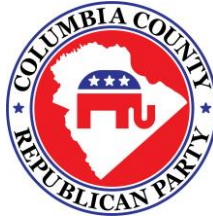
The purpose of the County Convention is for County Delegates to elect delegates and alternate delegates to both the Congressional District Convention and the State Convention. The number of delegates for both is determined by General Election voter turnout for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last election. During odd-numbered years, the delegation also elects the officers of the County GOP to serve two-year terms on the County Republican Party Executive Committee. In addition, each Commission District caucuses to elect a Commission District chair that will also serve a two-year term on the County Executive Committee. There may be other business conducted during a County Convention, such as adoption of updated County GOP Rules or adoption of resolutions presented during the convention.

Congressional District Convention

A District Convention has several purposes. During odd-numbered years, the delegation elects District Officers, District Committee members, and State Committee members and conducts other business deemed necessary (adoption of rules, resolutions, etc.). In the even-numbered year in which the District Convention is held, the District delegates elect a delegation represent the District at the Republican National Convention (held during a Presidential election year).

State Convention

The State Convention has different purposes, depending on the year in which it is held. During odd-numbered years, the delegation elects State Officers and forms caucuses to elect two Chairs, one to represent counties with an over 80,000 population and one to represent counties with under an 80,000 population. It also conducts other business deemed necessary (adoption of rules, resolutions, etc.). In the even-numbered Presidential Election year in which the State Convention is held, delegates elect the Georgia GOP National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and At Large delegates to the National Convention.



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How Do I Get Involved?

Attend Meeting and Become a Supporting Member

The first step in getting involved is to participate in Columbia County Republican Party (CCRP) events throughout the year. The CCRP meets for breakfast every 4th Saturday of the month to host important guest speakers and topics and to put out critical information about other GOP events in the County. Although it is not necessary to be a “Supporting Member” to participate in events, including conventions, members are encouraged to do so in order to receive first-handwritten communication (usually email) from the CCRP concerning upcoming issues and events.

Become a County Committee Member

The County Committee is the decision-making body of the CCRP. In between County Committee meetings, which typically occur twice a year, the CCRP Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the County Committee. Membership in the County Committee is determined by the General Election voter turnout per precinct for the Republican Presidential nominee in the last election.

Become a Delegate

Delegates are elected for the purpose of electing officers to serve at all levels in the GOP. County Delegates elect County Officers, District Delegates elect District Officers, and State Delegates elect State Officers, and National Delegates select our Presidential candidate! That said, it is best to get involved in the Convention Cycle as early as possible, which is the Precinct Caucuses.

Become a Precinct Chair

County Precinct Chairs are responsible for organizing and leading their county voting precinct through registering Republican voters and getting out the vote when the time comes. There are many things that you will manage that will lead to Republican victories at the polls. Precinct Chairs are automatically members of the County Committee.

Become an Executive Committee Officer

As stated earlier, Executive Committee Officers are elected at their respective conventions to serve two-year terms. These officers act on behalf of the County Committee.