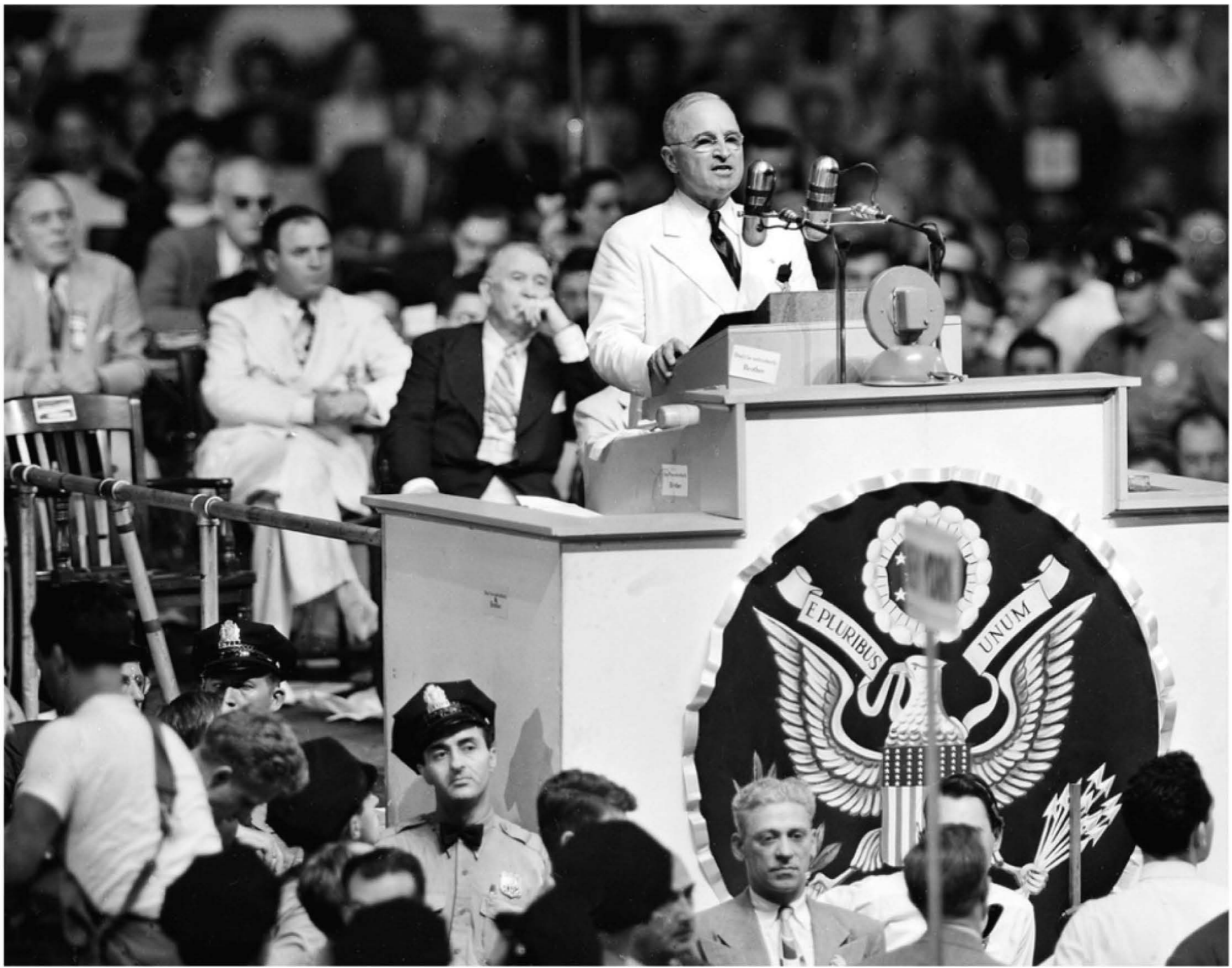


# 2016 Democratic National Convention

July 25-29, 2016  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Democratic Party of Virginia

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# Delegate Selection Process: Differences from 2012

- Not a lot of difference in Rules
- National Convention is smaller
  - (5,077 vs. 4,508 delegates)
  - Va gets fewer national delegates (95 vs. 106), alternates (8 vs. 9)
- Convention is much earlier (July 25 vs. Sept. 3)
- Overall calendar is similar:
  - IA, NH, SC, NV – February 1, 9, 20, 27
  - Everyone else – March 1 to June 15
- But, as in 2008, we have a contested race!

# Convention Delegate Breakdown (approximate)

- Democratic National Convention:
  - 4,508 Delegates
    - 3,769 pledged, 739 unpledged
  - 319 Alternates
- Virginia:
  - 109 Delegates
    - 95 pledged, 14 unpledged
  - 8 Alternates

# Democratic National Convention

- Nominates Candidates for President and Vice-President
- Adopts Party Platform
- Advertisement for Party/Candidates
- Information/training
- Fun

# Virginia Delegate Selection Plan Summary

- Presidential Preference Primary
  - March 1, 2016 Primary
  - Allocates Virginia's convention delegates among presidential candidates
- Caucus/Convention Process
  - City/County Caucuses elect 2,000 delegates and 1000 alternates to Congressional District and State Conventions
  - District/State Conventions elect 95 delegates, 8 alternates to National Convention

# Virginia Delegate “Pyramid”

National: 21 At Large & 12 PLEO  
(elected at State convention)

National: 62 District  
(elected at 11 Cong Dist conventions)

State: 2,000  
(elected at city/county caucuses)

# Step 1 - Register to Vote

- Contact Local Registrar or Virginia Department of Elections:
  - <http://elections.virginia.gov/>
  - 800-552-9745
- Must be 18 by Election Day, U.S. Citizen
- Register at courthouse, DMV, other sites
- You can register by mail
- Fill out form completely and verify
- No party registration
- Deadline for Primary is February 8, 2016



# Step 2 - Volunteer

- Presidential Candidates:
  - [Hillaryclinton.com](https://hillaryclinton.com)
  - [martinomalley.com](https://martinomalley.com)
  - [go.berniesanders.com](https://go.berniesanders.com)
- Volunteer to help your local party
  - Contact DPVA [VaDemocrats.com](https://VaDemocrats.com)

# Step 3 - Presidential Primary – March 1

- Ballot order: Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders
- Vote at your regular polling place, 6 am – 7 pm
- Absentee voting has begun
- Must choose Democratic or Republican Primary
- No Loyalty Oath for Democratic Primary
- DPVA plans a hotline & election day boiler room

# Primary → Delegate Selection

Primary: Allocates Delegates (15% threshold)



Delegate Selection: Separate Swim Lanes for each Candidates' Supporters

- City/County Caucuses → State Delegates to Congressional District and State Conventions
- CD & State Conventions → National Delegates to National Convention

# Step 4 - City and County Caucuses

- City/County caucuses elect cong district/state convention delegates and alternates
- May be assembled or unassembled caucuses
- April 16, 12:00 noon or April 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Absentee voting (optional) – April 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Delegate filing deadlines – April 9 or 11
- Caucuses must be publicized and locations must be ADA accessible

# City and County Caucuses

- Each city/county is apportioned a certain number of delegates & alternates (State Convention Call)
- Those delegates & alternates are allocated to Presidential Candidates based on Primary % in that city/county
- If the maximum number or fewer delegates & alternates pre-file for each candidate, party can cancel caucus
- Slate voting is permitted
- Voters committed to a candidate elect delegates & alternates committed to that candidate

# City and County Caucuses

- To participate in a city or county caucus:
  - Be a registered voter
  - Reside in the jurisdiction
  - Sign a Democratic pledge form
- To be a State Convention delegate
  - Prefile
    - Indicating candidate preference
  - Voluntary Administrative Fee of \$25 max to cover expenses (may be waived)

# Step 5 - National Convention Delegate Elections

- District Conventions
  - Elect 62 delegates, 6 alternates – 3 to 8 delegates per CD, six CDs elect an alternate
  - May 7, 14, or 21
  - Filing Deadlines: 14 days before convention
- State Convention
  - Elects 21 At-large delegates, 2 alternates, 12 Party Leader/Elected Official delegates
  - June 18, Richmond Va
  - Filing Deadline: May 25

# DISTRICT LEVEL DELEGATES

CONG. DIST.	DELEGATES			ALTERNATES		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
#1	2	3	5	1	0	1
#2	3	2	5	0	1	1
#3	4	4	8	0	0	0
#4	3	3	6	0	0	0
#5	2	3	5	1	0	1
#6	2	2	4	1	0	1
#7	3	2	5	0	1	1
#8	4	4	8	0	0	0
#9	2	1	3	0	1	1
#10	3	3	6	0	0	0
#11	3	4	7	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	31	62	3	3	6



# Other Convention Business

- Congressional District Conventions
  - Elector – one per district
  - Resolutions (optional)
  - Other business (Congressional nominations)
- **State Convention**
  - Election of DNC Members (take office post-conv)
  - Selection of two at-large electors
  - Resolutions/Platform
- Post-State Convention:
  - Delegation elects 12 Convention Committee (Credentials, Rules, Platform) members, 3 pages, Delegation Chair

# National Convention Delegation

- Virginia's National Delegation equally divided between men and women
- All elected delegates are pledged to a candidate
  - Automatic delegates must declare a preference
- Presidential candidates have the right to approve or disapprove all National Delegate candidates
  - Slate-making is an alternative to disapproval
- If you want to be considered at both the district and state levels, you must file separately for each level.

# How Can I be a delegate?

- In general:
  1. Work hard for the Democratic Party
  2. Work hard for your candidate
  3. Campaign
  4. Get on your candidate's slate
- State Delegate
- National Delegate – Congressional District
- National Delegate – At-Large

# Affirmative Action

- All meetings are open
- Discrimination is prohibited
- Affirmative Action Committee
  - Publicize primary and delegate selection process to all media
  - Special efforts for minority, student, constituency media, press and publications
  - Contact/inform constituency organizations
  - Work with City, County, District Affirmative Action/Outreach Committees

# Affirmative Action Goals

- Representation goals (Delegates/Alternates)
  - 34% (38/3) African-Americans
  - 6% (6/1) Hispanic Americans
  - 5% (6) Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders
  - .03% (1) Native American
  - 13% (15/1) Youth (35 & under)
  - 6.5% (6/1) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
  - 5% (6) People with Disabilities
- Mandated gender equal division

# 8 Gates to the Convention (plus 1)

1. Delegate/Alternate
2. Cred, Rules, or Platform Committee or Page
3. Ask the Party
4. Volunteer DNC or Convention Committee  
<http://www.phldnc.com/help-make-history/>
5. Organization, internship, or media
6. Volunteer for candidate
7. Ask anybody
8. Just go

# Virginia Process Dates (2016)

- February 8 Voter registration deadline for primary
- March 1 Democratic Primary
- April 11 or 14 Caucus State Delegate filing deadline
- April 16 or 18 City and county caucuses
- 4/22, 26, 5/6 National Delegate filing deadline (CD Conv)
- May 7, 14, 21 District Conventions
- May 25 At-Large, PLEO filing deadline (State Conv)
- June 18 State Convention
- July 25 Democratic National Convention
- Nov. 8 Election Day

# Additional Information

- DPVA
  - <http://vademocrats.org/your-party/2016-delegate-selection-plan/>
  - Delegate Selection Plan & other Materials
- Presenter
  - Frank Leone, [Frank@Demrulz.Org](mailto:Frank@Demrulz.Org)
  - [www.DemRulz.org](http://www.DemRulz.org)
    - *Documents & unofficial updates*

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