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# REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

## December 5, 2020 State Central Committee Meeting

### PROPOSED RULES

1. **Parliamentary Rules**

The current edition of Robert's Rules Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority governing this meeting in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota or rules this meeting may adopt.

2. **Order of Business**

The order of business of this meeting shall be as outlined in the agenda and shall be adopted by a majority vote. A motion to adjourn the meeting shall be out of order until the completion of the official business as stated in the agenda.

3. **Quorum**

Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.

4. **Registration and Seating of Delegates and Alternates**

- a. Registration for this meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in the Meeting Call and shall close at 10:00 am December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no registration options after the close of Registration.
- b. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of seated delegates is less than the delegation's allocation based on the current credentials status being reported by the Credentials Committee.
- c. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with Voter Science (or other voting and credentials management vendor) and Credentials Chair as reported upon Registration completion.
- d. A seated alternate is automatically granted all rights, privileges and responsibilities of a delegate and is automatically included in any statement in these rules that uses the term delegate.
- e. Once a delegate or alternate is seated, he/she shall remain seated through the duration of the meeting.
- f. Only registered delegates and alternates who are present before the Updated Credentials Report are eligible to be seated. Being present is demonstrated by logging in and participating in a credentialing roll call vote via the electronic voting technology being utilized for the meeting.

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**5. Addressing the Meeting**

- a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair and when recognized by the Chair state his/her name, delegation and the purpose for which he/she rises.
- b. The Chair may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers and other invited guests the privilege of addressing the meeting for a period of up to five (5) minutes each.
- c. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and no person shall speak a second time on a given subject until all those desiring to speak have first had an opportunity to do so.
  - 1. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue, followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue.
  - 2. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one (1) speaker in favor of the issue, followed by one (1) speaker opposed to the issue.
  - 3. A call for the question shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two (2) speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.
- d. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

**6. Nomination and Election of Officers**

- a. The state party officers to be elected by the meeting shall be voted on separately in the following order:
  - 1. Secretary
- b. Prospective nominees to appear on the ballot and be granted a speaking slot at the convention for state party officer positions shall:
  - 1. Submit to the State Party Chair a signed candidate form (via email or postmarked) by November 25, 2020; 5:00 PM Central Time.
  - 2. Submit to the State Party Chair (postmarked or timestamped, via email or via automated petition through the mngop.com website) by November 25, 2020, 5:00 PM Central Time, a form approved by the Chair of the Nominating Committee (the "Petition") containing the printed names and signatures of at least fifteen (15) delegates from at least two (2) congressional districts stating that they will vote for the nominee on the first ballot. Signatures may be submitted as originals or electronic copies of signatures on a Petition form. Individual delegates may not sign the Petition of more than one candidate per office. If a delegate is found to have signed multiple Petitions for a single office, those signatures shall be considered invalid and not count towards the fifteen (15) total required. Delegate names, associated valid email addresses and associated valid telephone numbers submitted by those delegates through the mngop.com automated petition shall be treated by the Nominating Committee as the equivalent of printed names and signatures.

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3. Appear before the Nominating Committee at least twelve (12) hours prior to the start of the convention (10:00 AM CST, December 5, 2020) at a time and place determined by the Nominating Committee.
4. There will be no nominations from the floor.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall report to the State Central Committee and place in nomination the names of those candidates seeking party office who meet the requirements of these rules. It may report those candidates it considers qualified or unqualified.
- d. The order in which the Nominating Committee report presents the names of the nominees for state party offices shall be determined by lot. Each person nominated in that order shall have up to five (5) minutes to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related presentations.
- e. A candidate for state party office must declare via a signed candidate form, the office that he/she seeks. Candidates may run for only one office as is indicated on their candidate form.
- f. A nominee is elected to the party office of Secretary upon winning a majority of the valid ballots cast for that office. If no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, balloting shall continue for each office until a nominee receives a majority in accordance with the procedures below.
  1. If a nominee does not receive a majority of votes after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. Nominees with less than ten percent (10%) of the votes shall be excluded from the second and subsequent ballots.
  2. If after the second ballot more than two (2) nominees for an office remain, then the balloting shall continue until a nominee is elected by a majority vote. Each nominee with the fewest votes on the third ballot and on subsequent ballots shall be excluded from the election until two (2) nominees for the office remain on the ballot.
- g. Once a nominee is eliminated from an election for party office on any round of balloting, each remaining nominee prior to the next ballot may address the meeting for no more than two (2) minutes in an order determined by drawing lots.

**7. Balloting Procedures**

- a. An at-large delegate who is also a duly elected delegate from a BPOU will vote only one ballot, and will vote as a part of the at-large delegation. The resulting Congressional District vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the respective district constitution.
- b. The three (3) at-large Congressional District delegates each shall have only one vote and shall cast the vote with their respective district delegation. If they were duly elected delegates within their own BPOU/counties, their vacancy shall open up to seat an alternate.
- c. The Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller.
- d. Balloting/voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting/voting closed.

- 146 e. The Chief Teller (or his/her designee), will then count the ballots. The Chief Teller will certify the results  
147 and report them to the Chair. Electronic voting results will be announced immediately at the close of  
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150 f. A ballot will not be considered valid if it contains a vote cast for more than one candidate/answer, if it is  
151 cast for other than a properly nominated candidate or eligible answer, if it is left blank or if it is spoiled.  
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153 g. A ballot marked “none”, “no”, “abstained”, “undecided” or “no preference” shall not be counted for any  
154 candidate/answer, but shall count in the total of valid ballots cast for determination of a majority.  
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## 156 8. Voting

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158 a. All voting shall be via online voting via Voter Science (or other voting and credentials management  
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161 b. There shall be no voting by unit rule.  
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163 c. Items without objection may be declared passed by unanimous consent.  
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165 d. The meeting Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new  
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168 e. The votes on all questions shall be by internet-based voting technology provided by Voter Science.  
169 Excluding the roll call votes used for credentialing, the identities of any identifying information of voting  
170 members shall be concealed from the Republican Party of Minnesota, candidates and any participating  
171 member or group of this meeting. Candidates for party office shall be provided with an opportunity to  
172 verify the method by which Voter Science certifies the voting one (1) full business day prior to the meeting  
173 being called to order since there will be no teller room for which to observe ballot counting. An audit trail  
174 shall be provided after the meeting adjourns at the request of the State Party Chair.  
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## 176 9. Amendment or Suspension

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178 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the  
179 delegates.  
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## 181 10. Committee Reports

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183 No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of  
184 any committee may be presented if signed by at least two (2) of the committee members, unless otherwise  
185 specified by the Constitution or By-laws.  
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## 187 11. Other Business Motions

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190 a. Any motion to be considered during the “Other Business” agenda item shall be submitted in writing to the  
191 State Party Chair seventy-two (72) hours (by 10:00 AM CST, December 2, 2020) prior to the start of the  
192 meeting. Voter Science shall create a voting slide for the prospective motion.  
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194 b. The author of the prospective motion shall be recognized by the meeting chair for the opportunity to make  
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- c. Motions shall be considered in the order in which they were received by the State Party Chair.