

MORRISON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

General

1. Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republicans of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Morrison County Republicans, the Official Call of this Convention, or the rules adopted by this Convention.
2. A quorum shall be declared after the final Credentials Committee report and shall not be questioned again during the course of the Convention.
3. A quorum for Morrison County Republican BPOU Conventions will consist of 10% of the delegates elected at the last precincts caucuses.
4. The Convention must complete all orders of business on the agenda before a motion for adjournment may be called. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the convention floor excluding agenda item titled other business.
5. These rules may be amended or suspended by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Convention.

Seating of Delegates and Alternates

6. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The duly elected delegates to the Morrison County BPOU Conventions from each precinct, elected at the February 25, 2020 precinct caucuses.
 - b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated in his/her stead. The order of seating of alternates shall be:
 - i. Decided based on the Caucus ranking; or
 - ii. Determined by the majority vote of seated delegates from that precinct at the convention.
 - iii. Cross seating of alternates will not be allowed.
 - c. If no duly elected delegates or alternates are present, there shall be no representation from that precinct.
 - d. Only those delegates and properly seated alternates are eligible to be seated which allows them the privilege to vote and speak on business before the convention. If a duly elected delegate or alternate is not properly registered then they shall not be allowed to be seated at the convention. To be properly registered, the registration must have been received 72 hours in advance of the convention by the Republican Party of Minnesota whether sent online or via the USPS mail.
 - e. Once a delegate or a seated alternate has registered for the convention, they remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
 - f. Seating of alternates after the preliminary Credential Report shall be the duty of the chairperson or their designee.

Order of Business

7. The order of business of this Convention shall be as printed on the agenda. For proper utilization of time, the Chairperson of the Convention may at his/her discretion move agenda items.

Addressing the Convention

8. Only persons whose names are entitled to be entered on the permanent roll of this Convention shall be permitted to speak or vote. The Chairperson of the Convention shall be permitted to vote. The members of the executive board shall also be permitted to vote.
9. The Chairperson may recognize party officials, candidates, or their representatives, and guests and give them the privilege of addressing the Convention, for up to 2 minutes.
10. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.
11. Debate on motions
 - a. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to 1 minute by each speaker.
 - b. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than 2 times upon the same question.
 - c. Debate on any motion will be limited to 3 pros and 3 cons.
 - d. Debate on any motion shall be limited to 6 minutes total.
 - e. The chairperson will call on Pro and Con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises, the debate will end.

Voting

12. Voting:
 - a. The vote on all questions shall be considered a rising vote by voting yea or nay.
 - b. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.
 - c. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
 - d. The Convention Chair and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.
 - e. Only persons who are delegates or seated alternates to this convention shall be permitted to vote.
 - f. The convention Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.
 - g. Voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting closed.
 - h. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Nominations committee.

Election of Officers

13. Nominations shall be those reported by the Nominations committee, having met the requirements of the convention call. No nominations will be allowed from the floor of the convention. A candidate must run for only one office.
14. Nominees may address the convention for the purpose of stating their qualifications for a period not to exceed 2 minutes.
15. The method of voting shall be by electronic ballot if the race is contested. If the race is uncontested, then no further balloting is required. The nominated candidate(s) for that office shall be declared elected.
16. The winner of each election shall be the candidate earning a plurality of the ballots cast.
17. A tie may be broken by a coin toss or other random methods.

Election of Delegates and Alternates to State Central

18. Nominations shall be those reported by the Nominations committee, having met the requirements of the convention call. No nominations will be allowed from the floor.
19. Nominees may address the convention for the purpose of stating their qualifications and stands on issues or candidates for a period not to exceed 2 minutes.
20. The method of voting shall be by electronic ballot, voting for names up to the number of delegates allotted (3 delegates).
21. Delegates will be the top vote-getters (the number of allotted delegates) and alternates will be ranked by the number of votes received.
 - a. If in the event of a tie or being unable to rank the alternates, the tie may be broken by a coin toss or other random methods.

Constitution Amendments

22. Only those amendments presented to the Constitution Committee in written form by the deadline, and presented to the Convention Chair by the same, shall be eligible for discussion. Amendments may not be submitted from the floor of the Convention. Discussion of an amendment shall not take place unless at least ten (10) delegates and/or seated alternates indicate a desire to have discussion of that amendment. Amendments may not be amended on the convention floor. Amendments must be either a pass or fail. Debate on any amendments must follow section 11.

Decorum

23. The Chairperson may use a mute function to avoid background noises and disruptions so long as a method for individuals to be recognized is provided.
24. A participant to the convention must not disrupt order and decorum, and may be removed or muted for repeated interruptions that are out of order nor germane to the agenda.