

2021 BELTRAMI COUNTY CONVENTION RULES

1. RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, any special rules of order the party may adopt, as well as the official call of this convention and the rules adopted by this convention.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business for this convention shall be as specified in the Convention Agenda. The Convention Chairperson, at his or her discretion, can change the order to the Convention Agenda in order to meet time constraints. 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.

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates and seated alternates elected February 2020 at the precinct caucuses. Only those delegates and properly seated alternates are eligible to vote and speak on business before the convention. To be properly registered the registration must have been received online or at 6:00 PM at the convention.
- b. Following the preliminary Credential Report and in the absence of any duly elected delegate, a duly elected alternate shall be seated according to rank in the precinct or by vote of the precinct's delegation if no rank is known.
- c. Cross seating of alternates will not be allowed.
- d. No unregistered delegate or alternate may be seated at any time during the convention.
- 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 credentials committee.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority once the delegates and alternates are seated.
- b. Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order.

5. 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.

6. DEBATE

- a. Debate on any general issue or motion shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question and the total debate is limited to a maximum of six (6) minutes. The chairperson will call on Pro and Con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises the debate will end.

7. ADDRESSES TO THE CONVENTION

- a. The convention Chairperson at any time may invite any office holder within the BPOU or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed two (2) minutes, with the exception of the House Republican Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader and federal office holders or federal candidates as well as the state party chair or her designee, representing all or part of this BPOU, which shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
- b. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting.

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8. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS

- a. Nominations by the Search/Nominations committee, shall be presented to the convention.
- b. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
- c. The voting for contested office races shall be by secret ballot. If a position is not contested the nominated candidate shall be declared elected.
- d. Candidates for BPOU Chair or Co-Chairs shall be given three (3) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested or if desired.
- e. Candidates for other BPOU offices shall be given two (2) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested.
- f. The winner of each election shall be the candidate earning a plurality of the ballots cast.
- g. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.
- h. A ballot containing more names than the number of positions to be filled shall be invalid and shall not be counted as a ballot cast.

9. ELECTION OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- a. Voting for delegates/alternates will be accomplished separately.
- b. Nominations shall be presented by the Search/Nominations committee.
- c. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
- d. Candidates shall be given one (1) minute to address the convention during the election process, if an election is required.
- e. If the positions are not contested the nominated candidate shall be declared elected.
- f. The voting for contested delegate or alternate races shall be by secret ballot.
- g. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.
- h. A ballot containing more votes than the number of allotted positions will be considered spoiled. The top vote getters up to the number of allotted delegates will be elected as Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee. Candidates not elected as delegates can be nominated as alternates if they desire. Alternates will be ranked according to the number of votes received. Three times the number of delegates can be elected as alternates.

10. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION

- a. After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the convention.