

SD44 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA
BPOU Convention Rules
February 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Webconference/Teleconference

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 or by the discretion of the Convention Chairperson. 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 Convention Agenda have been addressed on the Convention floor excluding Convention Agenda item titled "Other Business."

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- a. The permanent voting roll of this Convention shall be composed of the delegates elected February 25th, 2020 at the precinct caucuses to this Convention. 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.
- 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 chairperson or their designee.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall be declared after the preliminary report of the Credential Report.
- 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.
- g. Voting will proceed until the Chairperson rules balloting closed.
- h. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Search/Nominations committee.

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. In addition to any other reports identified in the Convention Agenda, the Convention Chairperson at any time may invite any office holders within the BPOU, distinguished guests (including Republican Party officers), and various other state-elected or federal-elected representatives to address the Convention and share information on matters of presumed issue or concern (which matters shall presumably NOT include personal campaigns for future election) to the BPOU; and any such address and sharing of information shall be limited in time for a period not to exceed two (2) minutes.

b. With respect to individual candidates campaigning for State Republican Party offices (such as State Republican Party Chairperson), a candidate for such office shall be allowed as part of Other Business on the Convention Agenda to address the Convention body for a period not to exceed two (2) minutes.

c. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

8. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS AND OTHER BPOU COMMITTEE LEADERS

a. Nominations shall be those reported out by the Search/Nominations committee, having met the requirements of the Convention call, and any supplemental Application Form or other credentialing information or expectation requested by the Search/Nominations committee.

b. If a passed Search/Nominations committee report contains the same number or fewer candidates for an office than the number of positions to be filled for that office then no further balloting is required. The nominated candidate(s) for that office shall be declared elected.

c. The voting for contested office races shall be by secret ballot.

d. Candidates for BPOU Chair or Co-Chair shall be given three (3) minutes to address the Convention during the election process, if the election is contested.

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 for BPOU office containing more or fewer 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 TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

a. Nominations shall be those reported out by the Search/Nominations committee, having met the requirements of the Convention call, and any supplemental Application Form or other credentialing information or expectation requested by the Search/Nominations committee.

b. If a passed Search/Nominations committee report contains the same number or fewer candidates than the allotment for delegates and the same number or fewer candidates than the allotment for alternates then no further balloting is required. The nominated candidates shall be declared elected.

c. The voting for contested delegate or alternate races shall be by secret ballot.

d. Nominations shall be for Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee and shall be voted for on one ballot.

e. Candidates shall be given one (1) minute to address the Convention during the election process, if an election is required.

f. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.

g. A ballot for Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee containing more votes than the number of allotted delegates 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 will be elected as alternates, ranked according to the number of votes received, up to triple the number of allotted delegates.

10. Decorum

a. 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.

b. 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 Convention Agenda.

11. 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.