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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

June 1, 2018 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. **Seated Alternates**

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.

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.

48 3. A call for the question shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two (2)
49 speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.

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51 d. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches
52 during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

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54 **6. Voting**

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56 a. All voting for contested offices shall be by secret ballot or electronic vote.

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58 b. Each candidate duly nominated for office may appoint a person to observe the counting of the ballots,
59 or verify the electronic vote. The name of this person shall be submitted to the Chief Teller immediately
60 after the close of nominations for that office.

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62 c. A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be assigned to the Chief Teller during the voting process.

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64 d. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by any delegation, the challenge
65 shall be made before the ballots from that delegation are tabulated or the electronic votes certified by
66 the Chair and Chief Teller. Upon such a challenge, the Chair shall appoint a special judge and two (2)
67 special tellers who shall verify the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by said delegation. The
68 delegation shall be required to vote again only if the original count reveals more ballots cast than votes
69 allowed to that delegation.

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71 e. The vote on all other matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for
72 division shall require a total of at least seven (7) delegates, from at least two (2) different congressional
73 districts.

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75 f. There shall be no voting by unit rule.

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77 g. If the Chair is in doubt as to the result of a rising vote, the Chair may order a polling of the meeting by
78 the tellers, who shall report the vote to the Chair.

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80 **7. Amendment or Suspension**

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82 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of
83 the delegates.

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85 **8. Campaign Materials**

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87 a. No posted signs are allowed on the stage walls or stage.

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89 b. All sign sizes, locations, and a method of attachment must comply with the rules of the host facility.

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91 c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign materials require a
92 disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central delegate or alternate responsible for the
93 materials.

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95 d. All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed. The Sergeant of Arms determines
96 compliance.

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98 e. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All signs must be
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100 Executive Committee may recover reasonable cleaning costs.

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