

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

April 27, 2019 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. Seating of Alternates and Seated Alternates

a. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of seated delegates is less than the delegation's allocation starting 30 minutes prior to the scheduled Call to Order based on the current credentials status being reported by the Credentials Committee.

b. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards distributed by the Chair of their delegation or his/her representative.

c. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and the Congressional District constitutions where applicable.

d. If a Congressional District constitution does not provide for a method of seating alternates the method of seating Congressional District alternates shall be as follows:

1. When duly elected delegates from a Congressional District are absent from the State Central meeting, alternates shall be seated within the respective BPOUs from which those delegates are absent, based upon the rank in which they were elected in said BPOU in numerical order (i.e. Alternate 1 seated first, Alternate 2 seated second, Alternate 3 seated third). Delegates arriving or returning to the floor shall always be seated, with the lowest ranking alternate in the applicable BPOU relinquishing his/her seat and voting card as necessary. If a BPOU has exhausted all elected delegates and alternates in numerical order, and still has vacancies within the BPOU, cross-seating among the BPOUs within the Congressional District may then begin. The CD Chairs will fill available seats using a cross seating method that orders the delegations by the number of extra alternates in attendance from each delegation and seating

48 the alternate with the highest rank from the delegation with the most extra alternates in
49 attendance, by moving an alternate to a delegation that has empty seats. The CD Chair will
50 continue by using an alternate from the delegation with the second highest number of
51 unseated alternates and continue this process until, either there are no unseated alternates
52 remaining to be seated or all of the delegations are filled.

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- 55 e. A seated alternate is automatically granted all rights, privileges and responsibilities of a delegate and is
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59 **5. Addressing the Meeting**

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

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- 87 a. The state party officers to be elected by the meeting shall be voted on separately in the following order:
- 88 1. Chair
- 89 2. Deputy Chair
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- 92 b. Prospective nominees to appear on the ballot and be granted a speaking slot at the convention for state
- 93 party officer positions shall:
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1. Submit to the Executive Director a signed candidate form at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
 2. Submit to the Executive Director, at least twelve (12) hours prior to start of the convention (9:30 AM CST, April 27, 2019) 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.
 3. Appear before the Nominating Committee at least twelve (12) hours prior to the start of the convention (9:30 AM CST, April 27, 2019) at a time and place determined by the Nominating Committee.
- 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. In addition to the names placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, other names may be placed in nomination from the floor, provided that the prospective nominee has submitted to the Executive Director prior to the Nominating Committee report a Petition (per 6.b.2) that complies with these rules.
 - e. 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 seven (7) minutes to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related presentations.
 - f. 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.
 - g. A nominee is elected to the party office of Chair, Deputy Chair and 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.
 - h. 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

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- 145 a. A state delegate who is also a duly elected delegate from a BPOU will vote only one ballot, and will vote
146 as a part of the state delegation. The resulting Congressional District vacancy shall be filled in
147 accordance with the respective district constitution.
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- 149 b. The three (3) at-large Congressional District delegates each shall have only one vote and shall cast the
150 vote with their respective district delegation. If they were duly elected delegates within their own
151 BPOU/counties, their vacancy shall open up to seat an alternate.
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- 153 c. Each Congressional District shall have two tellers, appointed by the District Chair, who shall be
154 responsible for the distribution and collection of ballots or electronic voting devices (EVD) for eligible
155 voters of the district. The meeting Chair shall appoint two tellers for the state delegates who are seated
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- 158 d. The Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller.
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- 160 e. Congressional District and state tellers will distribute a single ballot or EVD to each eligible voting member
161 seated in their respective sections.
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- 163 f. No one other than delegates, seated alternates, candidates for the contested office(s), officials
164 conducting the balloting and officials authorized by the Chair shall be permitted on the floor during the
165 distribution, marking, and collection of all ballots or while electronic voting is open.
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- 167 g. Balloting/voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting/voting closed.
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- 169 h. Ballots will be collected by the tellers, who will verify the number of ballots cast by their respective
170 delegations before the ballots (including any unused) are returned to their envelope and the envelope
171 returned to the Chief Teller. EVDs will not be collected between votes.
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- 173 i. Tellers, under the direction of the Chief Teller, will then count the ballots. The Chief Teller will certify the
174 results and report them to the Chair. Electronic voting results will be displayed immediately at the close
175 of voting. The Chair will give time to challenge the vote before the Chief Teller certifies the results.
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- 177 j. A ballot will not be considered valid if it contains a vote cast for more than one candidate/answer, if it is
178 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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- 180 k. A ballot marked "none", "no", "abstained", "undecided" or "no preference" shall not be counted for any
181 candidate/answer, but shall count in the total of valid ballots cast for determination of a majority.
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- 183 l. Voting by EVD shall occur at the discretion of the Meeting Chair, with a minimum of ten (10) minutes
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- 186 m. At the conclusion of electronic voting, the EVDs will be collected by the tellers, who will verify the number
187 of EVDs distributed to the respective delegations before the EVDs are returned to their envelopes and
188 the envelope returned to the Chief Teller.
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190 **8. Voting**

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- 192 a. All voting for contested offices shall be by secret ballot or electronic vote.
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- 194 b. Each candidate duly nominated for office may appoint a person to observe the counting of the ballots, or
195 verify the electronic vote. The name of this person shall be submitted to the Chief Teller immediately
196 after the close of nominations for that office.
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198 c. A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be assigned to the Chief Teller during the voting process.
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200 d. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by any delegation, the challenge
201 shall be made before the ballots from that delegation are tabulated or the electronic votes certified by the
202 Chair of the convention and Chief Teller. Upon such a challenge, the Chair shall appoint a special judge
203 and two (2) special tellers who shall verify the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by said
204 delegation. The delegation shall be required to vote again only if the original count reveals more ballots
205 cast than votes allowed to that delegation.
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207 e. The vote on all other matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for
208 division shall require a total of at least seven (7) delegates, from at least two (2) different congressional
209 districts.
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211 f. There shall be no voting by unit rule.
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213 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 the
214 tellers, who shall report the vote to the Chair.
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216 **9. Amendment or Suspension**

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218 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the
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221 **10. Campaign Materials**

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223 a. No posted signs are allowed on the stage walls or stage.
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225 b. All sign sizes, locations, and a method of attachment must comply with the rules of the host facility.
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227 c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign materials require a
228 disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central delegate or alternate responsible for the
229 materials and will be subject to approval by the Sergeant of Arms for compliance. Any materials deemed
230 out of compliance by the Sergeant of Arms will not be permitted on the floor and will be removed
231 immediately.
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233 d. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All signs must be stricken
234 within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the meeting, and removed from the premises. The State Party
235 may recover reasonable cleaning costs from those campaigns, individuals or groups that fail to remove
236 their campaign materials from the convention site.
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238 **11. Committee Reports**

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