

12/13/25 – Constitution Bylaws Committee Report to State Central Committee

Proposed changes:

1) Changes to Article II:

ARTICLE II – State Central Committee

Section 1. The business and property of the Party shall be managed by a State Central Committee composed of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 1B of the Party Constitution.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Central Committee may be called by the Chair or by the State Executive Committee.

Section 3. Emergency State Central Committee meetings may be called by twenty five (25%) percent of the Delegates of the State Central Committee who must be from no fewer than three (3) Congressional Districts. ^(a)

A. ~~The Party has ten (10) days to validate and acknowledge the petition to the full State Central Committee. The Party has forty (40) days to hold the meeting after receipt of the valid petition.~~

B. ~~For the purpose of calling a State Central meeting only, any Party Officer can accept the list serve agreement and provide a State Central Committee Delegate a copy of the Delegate List.~~

C. ~~If the State Central Committee meeting is called by a percentage of the delegation, the call must include the list of Delegates requesting the meeting containing first name, last name, and their Congressional District.~~

Section 4. Written notice of each State Central Committee meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed to each member at least ten (10) days in advance by the Party.

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B.A. ~~For the purpose of calling a State Central meeting only, any Party Officer can accept the list serve agreement and provide a State Central Committee Delegate a copy of the Delegate List.~~

C.A. ~~If the State Central Committee meeting is called by a percentage of the delegation, the call must include the list of Delegates requesting the meeting containing first name, last name, and their Congressional District.~~

These changes are simply moving subsections A, B, and C from Section 4 to Section 3 as the subsection refer calling of an Emergency Meeting and they belong in Section 3. This change passed unanimously by the committee.

2) Changes to Article IV:

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal accounting and financial controls; overseeing the Party financial budget process; publishing and filing Party financial statements, supplemental schedules and financial reports to applicable regulatory agencies and timely presenting such Party financial information to the State Executive Committee (at least quarterly) and State Central Committee (at least annually) for their examination and approval.

- A. The Treasurer shall annually submit to the Chair and State Executive Committee a written report of the internal financial controls in place for the upcoming year. That report must be approved each year by the Chair and a majority of the State Executive Committee.
- B. The Treasurer must provide access to Party financial records and/or supporting transaction documents to current State Executive Committee members and State Central Committee delegates who submit reasonable written requests for such access subject to applicable personnel privacy laws and other confidentiality restrictions.
- C. After the even-year general election and until the end of the Chair's current term or, if earlier, their reelection, either the Financial Controls committee or State Executive Committee must approve any expenditures, contracts, and changes in property of the Party. Only the Treasurer may write checks, authorize spending, or transfer money during this period.^(c)

Section 8. The Party Officers generally shall have the responsibility to organize or cause to be organized, each precinct in the state, and to seek out qualified candidate and encourage them to seek public office. No Party Officer shall use their official position to promote pre-primary endorsement support or induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Party support prior to any endorsement by the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office.

Addition of subsection C under Section 7. This language was added to safeguard party funds in transition years that potentially have a transfer of power within the party leadership.

Section 9. ~~The An election for the Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary terms shall be two (2) years. The term will run from January 1 of an odd-numbered year through December 31 of the following even-numbered year. The election for these positions will take place in December of even-numbered years. must take place after the General Election and on or before December 31st in each even year. The terms for these officers shall begin immediately upon the adjournment of the state central committee meeting in which they were elected.~~^(d)

Modification of Section 9 to set the election window for the Party officers and set the term to start immediately following the meeting in which they are elected to avoid any issues that may arise from a “lame duck” administration. This change passed unanimously by the committee.

3) Addition of Article IX:

ARTICLE IX – Party Rules

These Bylaws will at all times constitute the entirety of the Party’s “rules” for all purposes of Minnesota Election Law, including but not limited to Minn. Stat. §200.02, subd. 7.^(f)

This article was added to clearly define what the Party considers “Rules” for the purposes of compliance with Minnesota Election Law. The law itself calls out the “Constitution and Rules” but does not define rules. This allows us as a party to specify exactly what is considered “rules” for compliance with the law. This change passed unanimously by the committee.

- 4) All other changes are minor spelling, grammar, or numbering changes.