

Proposed Rules

(subject to change by the Rules Committee and adoption by the convention)

I. PARLIAMENTARY RULES

The hierarchy of document authorities shall be: Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the MNGOP Constitution, the Eighth Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution, the Convention Call and the Convention Rules. For unanswered procedural authority, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by higher authority.

The order of business for the convention shall be outlined in the official agenda for the Convention. The rules may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote. Any motion to suspend the rules will be in accordance with the following procedure:

- A. Any individual rising to suspend the rules for any purpose shall state his/her name and BPOU and will state "I move to suspend the rules for" and the purpose for which the rules are to be suspended.
- B. A rising seconder speaking at a microphone (if provided) is required and shall state his/her name and BPOU and will state "I second the motion"
- C. Neither the maker of the motion to suspend the rules nor the seconder shall be allowed to debate the motion until the Chair of the Convention opens the floor to debate.

II. CONVENTION ROLL

- A. The permanent roll of the delegates entitled to speak and vote at the Convention shall be constituted of the duly elected delegates who are registered and such alternates as shall be registered and seated in accordance with these rules.
- B. In the absence of any delegate to the convention, an alternate shall be seated for that delegate only during the delegate's absence from the floor. The procedure for seating alternates or filling vacancies in this convention shall be as follows:
 1. Vacancies shall be filled from the alternates registered and present from the BPOU in which the vacancy exists, as provided by that BPOU's constitution and/or by-laws.
 2. If the voting BPOU's constitution and/or by-laws are silent as to the seating of alternates, then the BPOU's chair(s) shall do the seating. If the chair(s) is absent, then the vacancy shall be filled by a majority of that BPOU's already seated delegates. Any ties are resolved by a coin flip.
- C. Convention floor seating of registered alternates shall be permissible at any time if a seated delegate or seated alternate is absent, however, upon the return of the previously seated delegate or alternate, the alternate seated in his/her place shall relinquish the seat.

III. QUORUM

A majority of the total number of delegates registered and seated shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of convening the Convention. Thereafter, a call for a quorum shall be out of order.

IV. REGISTRATION

Delegates and alternates may be permitted to register up until 30-minutes after the convention is called to order, no further registrations will be permitted. The convention may amend these times by a two-thirds vote.

V. ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION

- A. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair by microphone (if provided), and when recognized by the Chair, present his/her authorization to vote, state his/her name, BPOU and the purpose for which he/she rises.
- B. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time on the same subject until all others wishing to speak the first time have their opportunity. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject. Each debate will be limited to a total of 6 minutes, 3 for and 3 against, alternating. Participation in debate is limited to seated delegates and seated alternates. A motion to suspend the rules with a motion on the floor must be germane to the main motion. No other motion can be entertained until the main motion on the floor is properly resolved.
- C. The Chair of the Convention may, at his/her discretion, recognize party officers, invited guests as well as other visitors and allow them the privilege of addressing the Convention.
- D. Invited speakers shall be allotted five minutes; this may include current and former elected legislators of the MN Senate or House. The MN Republican House/Senate Leaders past and present may be allotted up to 10 minutes to address the convention. State Party officials or representatives will speak after the election of Executive Board members.
- E. The term "Chair" shall be used at this convention when addressing the Convention Chair, the Eighth District Chair, or any seated BPOU Chair or acting Chair.

VI. VOTING

The vote on all questions shall be by acclamation except as follows:

- A. At the request of a total of fifteen delegates from five different BPOU delegations, or at the discretion of the convention Chair, a rising vote shall be taken.
- B. A roll call vote of all BPOUs in alphabetical order shall be taken at the request of ten or more BPOUs. Results of such a vote shall be announced by the chair or appointed member of each BPOU. Such a vote shall not be considered a violation of the unit rule.
- C. All certified affiliate delegates of the Republican Party of Minnesota shall be seated as a group and their votes reported by a delegate or seated alternate chosen by their group.
- D. All balloting for Eighth Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota party officers shall be by secret ballot according to the following rules:
 - 1. The BPOU chairs or appointed members shall collect and verify the number of ballots cast by each delegation respectively, and the written ballots shall be turned over to the tellers. Any overages verified by the tellers shall be announced by the Chair of the Convention before the ballots are placed together for tabulation.
 - 2. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any BPOU, the challenge shall be made before the ballots from that BPOU are placed together with the other ballots for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the Chair shall appoint a special judge and two special tellers who shall count the ballots from said BPOU. The BPOU shall be required to vote again only if the original count reveals more ballots cast than votes allocated to the BPOU, or if requested by the special judge.
- E. Each delegate shall have one full vote. Unit rule is forbidden, i.e., BPOU voting as a block based upon a majority of its delegates.

- F. To facilitate an orderly vote count during balloting and before ballots are distributed to BPOUs:
 1. Only delegates and seated alternates are allowed on the convention floor.
 2. All delegates and seated alternates that do not have official convention duties must be seated with their respective BPOUs.
 3. No one without official convention duties will be allowed onto the convention floor.

VII. ELECTION OF MINNESOTA CD8 PARTY OFFICERS

- A. Each candidate for the Eighth Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota party office must appear before the Nominations Committee prior to consideration by the convention, subject to the requirement of B.1. (below)
- B. The Nominations Committee shall function to facilitate the orderly consideration of candidates for Eighth Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota party office.
 1. Candidates running for CD8 officer positions must have contacted the CD8 2023 Nominations Committee at nominations@mncd8gop.com, by the date and time specified in the Call Letter and meet with the committee prior to the convention as no nominations will be taken from the floor unless no candidates have declared for an officer position.
 2. The Nominations Committee shall present to the convention the names of all candidates who received the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the committee. The Nominations Committee shall state, in the view of the committee, whether a candidate is not-qualified or qualified and the reason(s) for such recommendation.
- C. The Nominations Committee will present the names of candidates for 8th Congressional District party offices one office at a time. After the report for an office, candidates in contested offices will be provided 5 Minutes to speak, inclusive of all nominating speeches or presentations. After every candidate for a particular contested office has been afforded an opportunity to speak, balloting will begin.

If the office is uncontested, no speaking time will be allowed before the elections are completed and the election to an uncontested office shall be by acclamation. After elections are completed for an office, the Nominations Committee will present the names of the candidates for the next office in the following order:

1. 8th CD Chair	5. 8th CD 1st Vice Chairman	9. 8th CD 3rd Vice Chairman
2. 8th CD Deputy Chair	6. 8th CD 2nd Vice Chairwoman	10. 8th CD Secretary
3. 8th CD State Vice Chair	7. 8th CD 2nd Vice Chairman	11. 8th CD Treasurer
4. 8th CD 1st Vice Chairwoman	8. 8th CD 3rd Vice Chairwoman	

- D. Candidates for contested offices for CD8 Executive Board shall be allotted 5 minutes to speak, including all nominating and seconding speeches.
- E. Voters may only vote for one candidate per office per round of balloting. Anything else will be considered a spoiled ballot.
- F. If a race is uncontested, a white ballot is in order.
- G. Balloting will be done for all contested offices according to section VI - D above.
- H. Sufficient time will be allotted as determined by the Convention Chair for elected officers to speak immediately after the last election is completed.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Perimeter conversations in the convention hall shall not be allowed. Any delegate or seated alternate may interrupt the proceedings at any time, as a point of personal privilege, to require the chair to eliminate any distracting conversations.
- B. No affixed candidate signs or posters shall be allowed behind, above or in front of the podium in the convention hall.
- C. No solicitations of contributions by unfilled candidates are allowed on the convention floor.
- D. All cell phones must be put on silent or off in the convention hall.
- E. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all business as stated in the Convention Call has been completed.
- F. Convention committee and standing committee minority reports can be presented if one third of committee members dissent in writing.

IX. DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

Delegate cards will be issued at registration for delegates only. Alternate cards will be issued for alternates only. Delegates will be issued Voter Cards as they enter. When alternates are seated they will be issued a Voter Card. Guest cards will be issued for authorized guests only. All cards should be visible at all times on the convention floor.

Voter Cards will be required for the following:

- A. To be seated with the BPOU delegation.
- B. Must be raised to be recognized at a microphone.
- C. Must be raised when seconding a motion.
- D. Must be presented in order to receive a ballot

X. GUESTS

- A. Only guests of delegates or alternates or guests of the Convention Chair or the District Chair will be allowed at the convention.
- B. Guests will be issued a guest card which will be shown to the Convention Sergeant-At-Arms if so asked.

XI. DISCLAIMER

All literature distributed or intended for distribution at the Convention shall conform to these rules:

- A. Campaign literature for 8th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota officer candidates (whether by the candidate or anyone else) shall contain a disclaimer that is compliant to Minnesota campaign law and carries the address of the individual responsible for the literature.
- B. All other pieces of literature will require the phrase "Paid for and presented by", "Paid for by", or "Prepared and Paid for by" and the name of the person or organization presenting the literature.
- C. All literature must be presented to the Sergeant-At-Arms for approval of the disclaimer prior to distribution on the Convention floor.

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