

Proposed Rules Committee Report

63rd Senate District Republican Convention

**March 19, 2022 - 10.00 a.m. - Minnehaha Academy - Upper Campus
3100 W. River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN.**

1. Procedure:

“Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern the conduct of the convention when not in conflict with these rules, the laws of the State of Minnesota and the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

2. Order of Business:

The order of business of the convention shall be as listed in the agenda.

3. Persons Entitled to Vote:

Persons entitled to vote at the convention are the duly elected delegates or their seated alternates who were elected at the last precinct caucuses of precincts or parts of precincts within the newly designated Senate District 63, who presently reside within the precinct from which they were elected, and reside in the newly designated Senate District 63.

4. Filling of Vacancies:

After the adoption of the report of the Rules Committee, the precinct chairs shall fill the vacancies in the precinct delegations from the alternates elected from that specific precinct or part of a precinct as follows:

- a. From the fully elected alternates of the precinct in the order, if any, designated by the precinct caucus
- b. Where no ranking of alternates has been established by the precinct caucus, the precinct chairs shall designate the alternate(s) to be seated from the list of alternates elected at the precinct caucus.
- c. If the precinct chair(s) is or are not seated or if the chairs cannot agree, a majority of registered delegates from the precinct shall choose the alternate(s).
- d. If there is no majority opinion of the registered delegates or if no delegates are present, the Credential Committee shall fill any vacancy.
- e. There shall be no cross seating of alternates.
- f. Whenever a delegate or seated alternate leaves the convention floor, another alternate from that precinct shall be seated to fill the absent position. Upon the return of a delegate or a seated alternate, the last seated alternate shall give up his or her position and return to the alternates” section at the convention. This paragraph does not apply to delegates or seated alternates who are working on the Registration, Credentials, Resolutions or Nomination Committees during the convention or who are tellers counting ballots.

5. Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of a numerical majority of the total number of registered delegates as established by the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum has been established, a call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. However, no action except adjournment shall be transacted by the convention without the affirmative vote of at least one-fourth of the registered delegates and seated alternates as established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.

6. Addressing the Convention:

- a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the chair and when recognized by the chair, state his or her name, ward and precinct.
- b. All speeches shall be limited to one minute. No delegate may speak more than twice on the same subject. No member shall speak twice if another member who has not spoken desires to speak.
- c. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded an opportunity to speak on an issue before a call for the question shall be in order.
- d. Guests introduced by the chair may speak for not more than three minutes.

7. Voting:

- a. All voting for contested officer, vice chairs, delegate or alternate positions shall be by secret written ballot unless otherwise specified in these rules.
- b. The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote. If the convention chair is in doubt as to the result on a voice vote, the chair may order a standing vote.
- c. If the convention chair is in doubt as to the result of a standing vote the chair may order a polling of the precincts, whose votes shall be reported by the respective precinct chairs.
- d. No unit voting shall be allowed.

8. Balloting:

- a. The ballots cast by each precinct shall be collected by the precinct chair and given to the tellers. The number of ballots cast by a precinct must be verified by the tellers before the ballots are commingled for tabulation.
- b. The election judge shall report to the convention chair the total number of votes cast for each candidate for each position. The convention chair shall announce the results to the convention.
- c. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any precinct, a challenge must be made before the ballots from the precinct are commingled for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the convention chair shall appoint a special judge and a special teller to count the ballots cast by the precinct. The precinct will be required to vote again only if there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted to that precinct.

9. Election of BPOU Officers:

- a. The Nominating Committee shall present its nominations. If no Nominating Committee has been appointed, the convention shall proceed immediately to "b".
- b. Nominations from the floor shall then be in order.
- c. Upon the close of nominations for each BPOU officer, nominees shall be permitted to address the convention for up to two (2) minutes. Nominating speeches are permitted, but not required. Nominating speeches shall be considered to be part of the nominee's allotted time. Speaking order shall be determined by drawing lots. If there is only one candidate for any BPOU officer position, there shall be no nominating speeches for that position and the nominee shall be voted on by acclamation.
- d. Each officer position shall be elected on a separate ballot.
- e. Each officer position shall be elected by a majority.
- f. When there are more than two candidates running for an officer position, any candidate who receives 10% or less of the vote shall be dropped. Beginning with the third ballot, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped until only two candidates remain.
- g. If balloting results in a tie between two remaining candidates, the winner of the election shall be determined by a coin flip.
- e. House District Chairs and House District Vice Chairs shall be voted on only by delegates and seated alternates from the applicable House District.

10. Election of CD and State Convention Delegates:

- a. The Nominating Committee shall present its nominations.
- b. Nominations shall be for Delegates to both Congressional District and State Conventions, and shall be voted for on a single ballot.
- c. Upon the close of nominations for delegates to the Congressional District and the State Convention, nominees will be allowed to address the convention in the order in which they were nominated for up to thirty (30) seconds.
- d. If the number of persons nominated for delegate to the Congressional District and the State Convention is the same as the number of positions to be filled, voting shall be by acclamation.
- e. Any ballot with more or fewer names of nominees than the number of delegate positions for the Congressional District and State Convention to be filled shall be invalid. Blank ballots shall not be counted.
- f. The nine (9) nominees receiving the largest number of ballots cast shall be declared elected delegates. The following eighteen (18) nominees shall be declared alternates. The alternates shall be ranked according to the number of votes received.
- g. If there is a tie vote for a delegate or alternate position, it will be settled by a drawing of lots.

11. Consideration of Endorsement:

- a. It shall first be determined by a majority vote whether endorsement shall be considered.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall present its nominations for endorsement.
- c. There shall be no nominations from the floor.
- d. Upon the close of nominations for each office, nominees for endorsement shall be permitted to address the convention for up to five (5) minutes. Nominating speeches are permitted, but not required. Nominating speeches shall be considered to be part of the candidate's allotted time. Speaking order shall be determined by drawing lots.
- e. The Convention by majority vote may decide to stand the proceedings at ease for a specified period of time for the purpose of questioning the individual candidate(s) as to positions on issues, campaign plans and any other questions which may relate to the endorsement being considered. The Chair of the Convention shall carefully supervise the questions so as to keep them germane.
- f. The candidate must agree prior to being considered for endorsement to seek the office as a Republican if he/she receives the endorsement.
- g. A candidate may be granted endorsement if he/she receives a 60% vote of the convention and if the 60% is greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered delegates and seated alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote.
- h. Only one candidate may be endorsed per seat for a particular office.
- i. When more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for an office, none of the candidates for that office shall be voted upon separately.
- j. Voting on a candidate for endorsement for an office shall be by secret ballot. The convention or committee may decide by a two-thirds vote to endorse by a rising vote on any office for which there is only one candidate.
- k. Votes may be cast for any person who by law is eligible for election to the office under consideration and who is eligible under this constitution to seek the endorsement, even though he/she has not been nominated or has withdrawn from nomination. Ballots may also be cast stating 'no preference' or 'undecided', or indicating no endorsement. Blank ballots or abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ballots marked only '→' or 'X', or ballots cast for an ineligible person or a fictional character shall not be included in determining the 60% vote needed for endorsement. No preprinted ballot shall be allowed unless options for 'no preference', 'undecided' and 'no endorsement' are included.
- l. A motion of no endorsement may be adopted by a majority vote. On any round of voting for endorsement, a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) or a majority of the votes on a voice vote (excluding abstentions) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'.
- m. When there are more than two candidates running for endorsement for an office, any candidate who receives 10% or less of the vote on any of the first six ballots shall be eliminated from consideration for endorsement.

- n. A candidate seeking endorsement for State Representative may be voted on only by delegates and seated alternates from the applicable House District

12. Resolutions:

- a. All resolutions passed by the precinct caucuses held in 2022 shall be presented to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. Those resolutions shall be in a written form.
- b. Any new resolutions shall be submitted in written form to the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall be in session to accept the resolutions for 30 minutes after the adoption of these rules.
- c. No resolutions may be offered from the floor of the convention except by suspension of these rules.
- d. No amendments to resolutions may be offered from the floor of the convention except by suspension of these rules.
- e. Discussion on any one resolution shall not exceed 5 minutes.

13. Transmittal of Election Results:

The names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of all persons elected as delegates, alternates and second alternates to the Fifth Congressional District Convention and the State Convention shall be forwarded no later than three days after the BPOU convention to the Republican Party of Minnesota.

14. Amendment or Suspension of the Rules:

After the adoption of these Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates and seated alternates as established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.

SENATE DISTRICT 63
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Reading of the Official Call to the Convention
5. Election of Temporary Chair of the Convention
6. Election of Temporary Secretary of the Convention
7. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Election Judge, Tellers, Timekeeper and Sergeant of Arms
8. Confirmation of Convention Committees - Credentials, Rules, Nominations, Bylaws, and Resolutions
9. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
10. Report of the Rules Committee regarding Filling of Vacancies (Section 4).
11. Filling of Vacancies in the Delegations (seating of alternates)
12. Report of the Rules Committee--balance of rules (30 minutes to submit resolutions to the Resolutions Committee)
13. Final report of the Credentials Committee
14. Motion to Make the Temporary Organization Permanent
15. Report of the Bylaws Committee
16. Election of BPOU Officers
 - a. Nominations Committee Report
 - b. Candidate Speeches
 - c. Voting
 - d. Repeat for Each Officer position
17. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions
 - a. Nominations Committee Report
 - b. Candidate Speeches
 - c. Voting
18. Consideration of Endorsement for State Senator
 - a. Endorsement Question
 - b. Nominations Committee Report
 - c. Candidate Speeches
 - d. Voting
19. Report of the Resolutions Committee
20. Announcements and Introductions of Guests *
21. Other Business
22. Adjournment

* Announcements and introduction of guests may take place throughout the convention at the discretion of the convention chair.