

Senate District 17 Convention Rules

April 9, 2022

- 1) Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the official Convention Call of this Convention, or the rules adopted by this Convention.
- 2) Once the Credentials Committee has certified that a quorum exists, there shall be no further question as to the presence of a quorum.
- 3) The order of business for this convention shall be listed in the Convention Agenda, except that the Convention Chair shall be authorized to make incidental changes to facilitate the orderly completion of the Convention's business.
- 4) Only Delegates, seated Alternates, BPOU Board members within the SD17 District, candidates for endorsement for Senate District 17, House District 17A, and House District 17B, officers of the Convention and people otherwise authorized by the Convention Chair shall be allowed on the Convention floor.
- 5) All literature distributed at this Convention must bear the name of the individual or organization paying for that literature. Literature not containing that information will be confiscated by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the person(s) distributing the literature will be warned and if they continue, they will be escorted from the Convention and will be barred from the remainder of the Convention.
- 6) Campaign signs, posters and banners will be allowed as permitted by the Chair of the Convention Arrangement Committee or their designate. Signs will not be permitted behind literature tables being utilized by other candidates, or on or behind the speaker's podium.
- 7) There will be no electronic recording of any kind of the convention by anyone without the express permission of Chair of the Convention Arrangement Committee. Anyone attempting to record the convention without permission will be removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms and barred from the remainder of the convention.
- 8) These rules shall not be amended nor superseded except by two thirds vote of this Convention.

Seating of delegates and alternates

- 9) The permanent body of this Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are actually present.
 - b. If any duly elected delegate to this convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - c. After the final credentials report has been approved, registered delegates returning to the floor of the convention, shall be immediately seated.
 - d. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows:
 - i. If the alternate vote count from the precinct caucus is available, alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.
 - ii. If the vote count is not available, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the seated delegates of that precinct.
- 10) The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present on floor.
- 11) The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to any endorsement election or when requested by the Convention Chair.

Speaking

- 12) A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the chair, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she rises.
- 13) Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so. Maximum of 3 for, and 3 against.
- 14) Nomination and seconding speeches for any one candidate shall not exceed a maximum of 10 minutes.
- 15) The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate, and speeches during this Convention.

Candidates Seeking Endorsement

- 16) In addition to those names nominated by the nominating committee, other names may be submitted from the floor provided that the person whose name is submitted has appeared before the nominating committee and submits a petition containing fifteen (15) signatures of delegates from two (2) different BPOUs who state they will vote for the nominee on the first ballot. Signatures may be submitted as originals or electronic copies of an actual signature on a form approved by the chair of the nominating committee. 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) required.
- 17) All those seeking endorsement must submit candidate nomination forms for the one office they seek for 17 or 17A or 17B no later than 12:01 PM April 2, 2022, to a member of the SD17 Nomination Committee.
- 18) Candidates shall be notified before midnight on April 3, 2022, if they submitted the delegate signatures were validated as conforming to the prior rule for minimum signatures. If any candidate needs additional signatures to meet the minimum required, they will be allowed until 5:00 PM on April 5, 2022, to submit additional signatures to a member of the SD17 Nomination Committee.
- 19) The candidates shall be interviewed by the Nomination Committee at a mutually agreeable prearranged time on either Tuesday April 5th or Thursday April 7th of 2022.

Voting

- 20) There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this Convention.
- 21) The voting strength of each county delegate must be made equal for cast ballots if a different delegate ratio was used on the February 1, 2022, Caucus Day.
- 22) Two co-chairs, each representing a different SD17 house district, may be elected to be seated on the CD7 Executive Committee as defined within the CD7 Constitution. The candidates for cochair must have been interviewed by the Nomination Committee. Co-chair elections only require a 50% plus one vote to win the election.
- 23) Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.

- 24) Voting for co-chairs and for endorsement of candidates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections. For uncontested offices a vote by acclamation shall be in order.
- 25) If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the Convention.
- 26) Any candidate receiving less than ten (10) percent of the vote on any single ballot shall be dropped from further consideration.
- 27) If endorsement of a candidate has not been reached after the 3rd ballot, the remaining candidates will be given 2 minutes to address the delegates.

A motion for no endorsement shall not be in order until after the fifth ballot

End of Convention Rules