

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA SENATE DISTRICT 33 CONSTITUTION

Preamble:

It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU to assist all endorsed/preferred Republicans seeking public office at least partly within our unit boundaries, to expand the membership of the party within our unit boundaries, and to organize or cause to be organized each ward, precinct, or other voting district in our Senate District.

ARTICLE I. NAME, OBJECTIVES and MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Name:

The name of this organization shall be The Republican Party of Minnesota Senate District 33; also referred to as MNSD33, SD33, The BPOU, or The Senate District

Section 2 Objectives:

The primary objectives of MNSD33 shall be to elect endorsed Republicans to public office and to promote Republican philosophy and advance conservative principles.

Section 3 Membership:

General membership of MNSD33 shall consist of all citizens eligible to vote in MNSD33 who desire to support the objectives of the Republican party.

Section 4 Dues:

Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

Section 5 Rights:

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any party caucus, primary or convention, where he/she is entitled by law to participate.

ARTICLE II. FULL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership:

Members of the Full Committee shall reside within the boundaries of MNSD33 and consist of the following.

- A. Each Precinct's Ranking Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair, or designees, Maximum of two)
- B. Senate District Officers
- C. State Central Delegates and Alternates
- D. Current MN House District 33A and 33B State Representatives and MNSD33 Senator if elected as a Republican.
- E. Former MN House District State Representatives and MN Senate District Senators, if elected as Republicans and having served in MNSD33
- F. Elected members of a Republican Congressional District or State Party Executive Board

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Section 2. Duties:

It shall be the duty of the Full Committee:

- A. To manage the affairs and carry out the programs of the Republican Party within MNSD33, pursuant to the State Constitution of said party, the MN Fourth and Eighth District Constitutions of said party, this Constitution and in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- B. To organize the Senate District, House Districts, Precincts, and other voting units within its boundaries.
- C. To assist in the campaign to elect the endorsed Republican candidate for the office of MN State Senator from this Legislative District.
- D. To assist in the campaigns and election of the endorsed Republican candidates for the offices of State Representative for MN House District 33A and MN House District 33B.
- E. To assist in the campaign of all other endorsed Republican candidates for public office when the electorate resides partially within MNSD33.

Section 3. Voting:

- A. Each member of the Full Committee in attendance shall have one vote.
- B. All full committee decisions will be made by simple majority vote, unless specified otherwise in the MNSD33 Constitution/Bylaws

Section 4. Quorum:

A quorum, consisting of seven (7) members of the Full Committee, shall be required to transact business at a Full Committee meeting, of the full committee members, three (3) shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Meetings:

The Full Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings per year. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed/emailed at least five days prior thereto, or it shall be regularly scheduled. If a change to the time or place of the meeting occurs, members are entitled to a minimum twenty-four (24) hour notice submitted electronically, or orally stating the changes.

Section 6. Termination of Full Committee Membership:

- A. Membership on the Full Committee shall terminate without further action when a member submits a written resignation or ceases to qualify for membership.
- B. A member of the Full Committee may be removed for conduct tending to obstruct the objectives of the Full Committee by a two-thirds vote of all the Full Committee members attending any Full Committee meeting where that item of business has been included in the written notice of the meeting. Voting must be by written ballot openly counted by at least 2 impartial tellers.
- C. The Executive Committee shall give notice of the proposal for removal of a Full Committee member in accordance with paragraph B hereof in the written notice of the Full Committee meeting. The individual concerned shall be provided with a detailed and specific statement of the charges at least ten days prior to such meeting and shall be entitled to be heard in his/her own defense at the meeting considering his/her removal.

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Section 7: Designated Spokesman:

The Senate District Chair (or designee) shall be the designated spokesperson for Senate District MNSD33 Republicans. No other member of the Full Committee shall be authorized publicly to speak on behalf of the Senate District.

ARTICLE III. SENATE DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. Senate District Officers: The Officers of MNSD33 shall be:

- Chair
- Deputy Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 3 Vice-Chairs elected from 33A
- 3 Vice-Chairs elected from 33B

Section 2. Election and Term Limits:

- A. Senate District Officers shall be elected at the MNSD33 conventions held in odd numbered years, excluding the Treasurer who shall be appointed as specified below.
- B. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, and subject to approval of the Full Committee by a simple majority vote.
- C. The Officers term shall be two years with no person holding the same office for more than three consecutive terms, with the exceptions of the Treasurer and Secretary roles, which will have no limit on terms.

Section 3: Officer Duties:

Chair:

- Lead and coordinate both short-term and long-term efforts of the Senate District to elect Republican candidates, and to strengthen and increase active membership in the SD33 and in all Precincts within the District.
- Attend and promote political leadership workshops and training sessions to ensure that Senate District leadership will be successful in their specific roles and responsibilities.
- Take the lead administering the affairs of the party within the Senate District with the advice and assistance of the Full and Executive Committees.
- Develop a BPOU calendar and set a BPOU budget, including regularly scheduled BPOU meetings, annual community events, fairs, parades, and other educational or social events as approved by the Executive Committee.
- Facilitate discussion and action within MNSD33 concerning election strategies, communications and messaging, short and long-term goal setting, endorsed candidate support, community building activities, precinct coordination, and development of infrastructure for MNSD33
- Collaborate with and assist the Senate District officers, Precinct Chairs, and Full Committee members to achieve SD goals and objectives.
- Preside over and assist with agendas for Full Committee, Executive Committee meetings, and the annual Senate District Convention.

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- Facilitate and advance the overall positive image and identity of ~~Senate District~~ MNSD33
- Be a signatory to all financial accounts held by MNSD33 and the chair shall be the designated Deputy Treasurer.
- Ensure adherence to the MNSD33, 4th and 8th Congressional District, and Republican Party of Minnesota Constitutions and Bylaws, Campaign Finance and State laws.
- Have authority to make decisions regarding public or broad internal communications which represent or may be taken to represent the collective intent or position of MNSD33 as a whole, regarding MNSD33 District operations, subject to terms of any Communications policy approved by the Executive Committee.
- The Senate District Chair shall be the public spokesperson for ~~Senate District~~ MNSD33 Republicans. Public statements made by the Chair must be accurate and reflect the goals, objectives, and messaging approved by the Full and Executive Committees. Inaccurate or misleading public statements made on behalf of the Senate District will be grounds for removal.

Secretary:

- Provide proper notice to the members of all regular and special meetings.
- Record and keep accurate minutes of all Senate District Conventions, Full and Executive Committee meetings, and record attendance at all meetings.
- Draft copies of the minutes of each meeting shall be submitted to the Chair and committee members within 10 days following the meeting.
- Assist in the creation/distribution of meeting materials and contribute to the overall advancement of the positive image and identity of MNSD33.
- Maintain a permanent record of all official Senate District meeting minutes, records and will work with the Chair and the Chair of the Communications Committee to determine appropriate distribution methods for minutes and other records.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

- Provide, maintain, and file all required financial reports for the Senate District to be in compliance with all applicable laws.
- Keep accurate financial records for the BPOU and provide regular written reports at Executive and BPOU Meetings.
- Be the custodian of all MNSD33 funds and be a signatory to all accounts held by MNSD33
- Function as Chair of the Budget/Finance Committee.
- Assist with all fundraising efforts for the Senate District.
- Assist the Chair and the Executive Committee to set annual budgets and financial goals for the Senate District and help establish plans and strategies to achieve those goals.
- Identify and assess financial implications or opportunities associated with any proposed activity.
- Individuals in this position should have training or experience directly related to the performance of these duties.
- Individuals in this position shall be required to understand and comply with Campaign Finance Law.

Deputy Chair:

- Assist and support the Chair and other Senate District Leaders to advance the goals and objectives of the Senate District.

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- Serve as a proxy for the Chair, to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chair as needed.
- Have such specific duties as may be designated from time to time by the Full Committee, Executive Committee, or the Chair.
- Provide primary assistance and backup to Vice-Chairs, as needed in the course of Senate District business.
- Support and assist the campaigns of MNSD33 endorsed and preferred candidates.
- Assist the Chair in the formulation of all strategic and operational efforts of MNSD33
- Contribute to the overall advancement of the positive image and identity of MNSD33.

Vice Chairs:

- Assist in the operation of MNSD33 and its objectives and shall have such specific duties as may be designated from time to time by the Chair, Executive Committee, or the Full Committee.
- Contribute to the overall advancement of the positive image and identity of MNSD33.
- Each Vice Chair shall be available to serve on ~~Senate District~~ MNSD33 committees. For committees with specific tasks or spheres of operation, the Vice-Chair assigned to that committee shall possess a reasonable set of technical qualifications to contribute to the purpose of the committee or shall demonstrate their ability to obtain sufficient qualifications or understanding.

Section 4: Limitations

- A. Senate District Officers shall be deemed to have resigned from SD33 leadership upon publicly seeking, or filing for elected office, which shall include the legal formation of a volunteer committee.
- B. The Senate District Chair and Deputy-Chairs, pre-endorsement, shall not serve in any role in any MNSD33 candidate's campaign, and shall not serve in any active leadership role, post-endorsement, in any MNSD33 candidate's campaign.
- C. Elected Senate District Officers, other than the Senate District Chair and Deputy Chair, shall not serve in an active leadership role in any MNSD33 candidate's campaign without first obtaining the consent of two-thirds of the Executive Committee.
- D. Senate District Officers shall not publicly support nor work for any candidate opposing an endorsed Republican candidate between the endorsing convention and the ensuing elections. The Executive Committee may remove from party office any person who violates this paragraph and does not promptly resign.

Section 5: Vacancies

1. If the Chair resigns, is incapacitated and unable to perform the duties of chair, or is removed from office, the ~~first~~ Deputy Chair shall fill the vacant Chair position.
2. If a Deputy Chair vacancy occurs, The Full Committee will select a new deputy chair from the existing roster of vice chairs.
3. Any Treasurer or Secretary vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee and approved by the Full Committee at the next Full Committee meeting. In the event this vacancy is filled by an individual without "Voting Rights" on the Executive

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Committee; said Executive Committee "Voting Rights" will be conferred on the new appointee upon Full Committee approval.

4. In the instance of a vacancy for Vice-Chair, a Full Committee meeting must be called within 90 days to consider filling the vacancy, unless the vacancy occurs within 90 days of a Convention.
 - A. The call for the Full Committee meeting at which said election will be held shall be sent at least ten days prior to the Full Committee meeting and shall specify the office(s) to be filled.
 - B. Approval to fill vacant position(s) requires a simple majority vote of the Full Committee at a properly noticed Full Committee meeting.
 - C. Notice of a Full Committee meeting to fill a vacancy shall be transmitted electronically or on paper to all Full Committee Members not less than ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. A Full Committee meeting to fill a vacancy shall convene not more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE IV. SENATE DISTRICT 33 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

Membership of the Senate District Executive Committee shall consist of the following residents of this Senate District:

- A. Senate District Officers
- B. State Central Delegates
- C. Congressional District Full Committee Members

Section 2. Executive Committee Duties

- A. Administer the affairs of the party within the Senate District and its programs subject to the direction of this Senate District's Conventions and the Senate District Full Committee.
- B. Help coordinate and assist in the campaigns for election of endorsed Republican candidates.
- C. Consult, train, and advise the precinct officers.
- D. Assist the Chair to prepare an annual calendar and budget.
- E. Establish sub-committees as needed or as required by the MN SD33 Constitution and Bylaws.
- F. Help the precinct organizations recruit and train volunteers.
- G. Call and set the agenda for Executive and Full Committee meetings and the annual Senate District Convention.
- H. Maintain an accurate voter database and any other database deemed necessary.
- I. Require the Chair or one of the Deputy Chairs to preside at all Full and Executive Committee meetings.
- J. Initiate the procedures set forth in the MN SD33 Constitution or Bylaws for the removal of any person from party office or committee membership.
- K. Appoint the allotted representatives from MN SD33 to serve as members on Fourth and Eighth Congressional District Committees (full and/or convention committees). Appointees must live in the congressional district they would represent.
- L. Ensure the Secretary to keep and maintain accurate records and minutes of all official Senate District committee meetings and proceedings.

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- M. Ensure the Treasurer to be responsible for the financial matters of MN Senate District. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to file financial reports required within State Statute.

Section 3. Voting:

Each voting member of the Executive Committee in attendance shall have one vote.

Section 4. Quorum:

A quorum, consisting of 50 percent of the voting members of the Executive Committee, shall be required to transact business at an Executive Committee meeting.

Section 5. Meetings:

- A. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year, which may be in conjunction with a Full Committee meeting. No more than one regular meeting shall be held in any calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the Senate District Chair, provided that at least two days' notice thereof has been given by telephone, mail, email or fax. While in-person, face-to-face meetings are preferred, meetings and participation may take place via electronic conferencing. No proxy voting will be allowed.
- B. In the event it is determined an emergency exists, an impromptu meeting may be called at the request of the presiding officer or 50% of the voting Executive Committee members for the sole purpose of dealing with the subject of emergency. Upon determination of the need for an emergency meeting, all notification requirements will be waived. A quorum must still exist.

Section 6. Termination of Executive Committee Membership:

- A. Membership on the Executive Committee shall terminate without further action when a member submits a written resignation or ceases to qualify for membership.
- B. A member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for "non-performance" by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the number of Full Committee members present when a quorum was established at any Full Committee meeting where that item of business has been included in the written notice of the meeting. Voting must be by written ballot openly counted by at least 2 ~~impartial~~ tellers. Conduct tending to obstruct the objectives of MNSD33, inactivity, or unexcused absence from three regularly scheduled committee meetings within a 12-month period year shall constitute "non-performance."
- C. The Executive Committee shall include in the ~~written~~ notice of the Full Committee meeting any proposal for removal of an Executive Committee member. The individual concerned shall be provided a detailed statement of the specific charge(s) at least ten days prior to such meeting and shall be entitled to be heard in their own defense at the meeting considering removal.

Section 7. Designated Spokesman:

The Senate District Chair (or designee) shall be the designated spokesperson for the MNSD33 Republicans. No other member of the Executive Committee shall be authorized publicly to speak on behalf of the Senate District on any matter unless the Executive Committee has considered and taken action on the merits of such matter and has not restricted dissemination.

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ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

The Executive/Full Committee may form committees as deemed necessary. Committees shall meet at the call of the Committee Chair or of the MNSD33 presiding officer. All committees must have at least 3 members, of which one member must be an Executive Committee member.

ARTICLE VI. PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Election of Precinct Officers:

There shall be in each Precinct a Committee, consisting of a Chair, Deputy Chair, and such other Officers as the Precinct may prescribe, all of whom shall be elected at the Precinct caucuses held in even numbered years.

Section 2. Duties:

It shall be the responsibility of the Precinct Officers to:

- A. Improve the organization of the Precinct.
- B. Recruit and inform Delegates/Alternates.
- C. Conduct training sessions.
- D. Complete voter surveys.
- E. Conduct voter registration programs.
- F. Conduct MNSD33 Republican authorized finance drives.
- G. Participate in the "Get-out-the-Vote" campaign.
- H. Accomplish such other legitimate tasks as may be assigned to them by the Full Committee.

Section 3. Precinct Officer Vacancies:

- A. The highest-ranking precinct officer in attendance at the most recent Precinct Caucus may appoint another attendee at said Precinct Caucus to fill a precinct office vacancy on behalf of the precinct. In the absence of any duly elected precinct officer, a special precinct caucus may be called to fill the vacancy.
- B. Special Precinct Caucuses: A caucus for one or more Precincts may be called by the Senate District Chair with the approval of the Executive/Full Committee in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial Precinct caucuses for purposes such as filling vacancies in the Precincts where such exist at the time of notice.

Section 4 Official Precinct Caucus and Statutory Procedure:

The official Precinct caucus shall be called and conducted as provided by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VII. SENATE DISTRICT CONVENTION; OFFICER NOMINATING, DELEGATE NOMINATING, AND CANDIDATE SEARCH COMMITTEES

Section 1. Time and Purpose:

In accordance with requirements of the Minnesota Republican party, a convention of Senate District 33 shall be held annually. The SD33 convention shall precede the Congressional District and State Conventions. The Senate District Convention shall be held at a place

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determined by the Senate District Executive Committee. A Convention Call shall be issued at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the convention, except that for an endorsing convention for a special election or for a post-primary endorsing convention, the call shall be issued at least five (5) days prior to the convention. Convention calls and reports are required to be mailed prior to a convention; it may be issued electronically by email. If a valid email address does not exist, the convention call shall be sent to the delegates' registration address.

Section 2. Composition:

- A. Minnesota Statutes §202A.16, Subd. 1, requires that "An eligible voter may vote or be elected a delegate or officer only in the precinct where the voter resides at the time of the caucus." The SD33 convention shall be composed of all delegates and seated alternates properly elected at the most recent precinct caucuses who still reside in the precinct from which elected.
- B. The number of Delegates and Alternates at each convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be determined by the Senate District Executive Committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the Senate District and shall be based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the past preceding statewide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President.
- C. No elected delegate or alternate properly registered for a convention shall be denied his/her right to be seated at any time during a convention or separate house district caucus, except that no one shall be seated from the time any ballot for endorsement or election is in process until close of balloting.
- D. Alternates shall be seated to fill in for absent delegates by order of vote received at the Precinct Caucus. If no such provision has been made by the Precinct, a majority of the seated delegates of the precinct shall elect from among the alternates from that precinct present, one to fill a vacant seat.
- E. If no duly elected Delegates or Alternates are present, delegate seats for the Precinct shall remain vacant.
- F. There shall be no cross-seating of alternates filling in for a precinct from which they have not been elected.
- G. If any duly elected Delegate, or higher-ranking alternate, leaves the convention floor after the convening of the Senate District Convention, an unseated duly elected alternate may take their place. When said Delegate, or higher-ranking alternate, returns to the floor of the convention, he or she will be seated immediately, except that no one shall be seated from the time any ballot for endorsement or election is in process until close of balloting.

Section 3. Registration:

- A. Registration fees may be assessed to Delegates and Alternates, or guests, attending a convention.
- B. Once a Delegate or a seated Alternate has registered for the convention, he/she remains part of the voting strength of the convention even if he/she leaves the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
- C. A convention may close registration of Delegates and Alternates only if the convention call states the time at which registration will close. If the call states a registration closing time

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the convention may permit a later closing time for registration or remain open regardless of the language in the call.

Section 4. Pre-Convention Committees:

Prior to each convention, the Executive/Full Committee shall establish such committees as Rules, Credentials, Resolutions, Nominations, Arrangements, Constitution, and any other committees deemed necessary, composed of SD33 delegates and alternates to conduct the business of the convention.

The Chair of each committee shall be selected by the presiding district officer.

A. REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall give a report of the Committee to the Convention. The Chair shall place in nomination, candidates who have been vetted by the Nominations Committee. Nominations from the floor shall only be in order if there is an open position without sufficient candidates to fill the vacancy(s) or if the nominated candidate was interviewed by the Nominations Committee for that convention.

Section 5. Convention Business

The Convention shall transact such business as is specified by the laws of Minnesota, and in the call of the convention, and may transact such other business as may properly be brought before the convention. In general, the objectives of the Senate District Convention shall be as follows:

- A. In even-numbered years, to endorse candidates for public office, consider resolutions on party and governmental matters, and elect delegates and alternates to the Fourth and Eighth Congressional District and State Conventions.
- B. In odd-numbered years, to elect Senate District officers and nominate State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates.

Section 6. Quorum:

- A. The quorum for convening a convention:
 - a. shall be for Presidential election years twenty percent (20%) of the total number of Delegates elected at the last Precinct Caucus accredited to the convention.
 - b. shall be for non-Presidential election years fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of Delegates elected at the last Precinct Caucus accredited to the convention.
- B. The quorum for conducting the business of the Senate District Convention shall be fifty percent (50%) of the total number of registered Delegates and seated Alternates at the convention.
- C. Once established, a quorum shall prevail for the remainder of that day, or until adjournment, whichever comes first.

Section 7 House Districts / House Candidate Endorsement

- A. Any convention of Senate District 33 may subdivide itself into separate house district caucuses consisting of all registered delegates and seated alternates residing in District 33A and District 33B, elected at the most recent precinct caucuses who still reside in the precinct from which elected. The provisions below apply to any such separate caucus of District 33A and District 33B, as appropriate.

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- B. Any endorsement of a candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives shall be done at such a separate house district caucus. A candidate may be endorsed in a general election year, or to fill a vacancy. Any endorsement shall meet the requirements of the Republican Party of Minnesota (currently a 60% vote in a pre-primary caucus and at least a majority of all registered delegates and seated alternates for the separate caucus). The candidate, prior to being considered for endorsement, must agree that if he or she receives the endorsement, to seek the office as a Republican.
- C. A separate house district caucus shall be used to elect House District Deputy Chairs and Vice-Chairs sitting on the executive committee, including election of officers to fill vacancies and expired terms. All such officers shall assist the entire Senate District 33 in carrying out its program.
- D. A separate house district caucus may also conduct any other business authorized by the SD33 convention. A two-thirds majority of such a separate house district caucus may suspend or amend the SD33 convention rules, but only as appropriate for the separate house caucus.

Section 8. Senate Candidate Endorsement:

Any endorsement of a candidate for state senate shall be done at a SD33 convention. A candidate for the state senate may be endorsed at a senate district convention in a year during which senators are elected, or to fill a vacancy. Any endorsement shall meet the requirements of the Republican Party of Minnesota (currently a 60% vote in a preprimary convention and at least a majority of all registered delegates and seated alternates for SD33). The candidate, prior to being considered for endorsement, must agree that if he or she receives the endorsement, to seek the office as a Republican.

Section 9. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the 4th Congressional / 8th Congressional District Conventions and the Minnesota State Convention:

- A. Delegates and Alternates to the MN Fourth/Eighth Congressional District and MN State Conventions allocated to the Senate District shall be elected at the Senate District Convention held in even numbered years.
- B. The number of Alternates elected by the Convention may be twice the number of Delegates allocated to the Senate District. Alternates elected by the Convention shall be seated in rank order of their election. The order of ranking Alternates shall be in the order of votes received at the Convention. If any duly elected Delegate to the MN State Convention or MN CD4/CD8 Convention is absent, then a duly elected Alternate shall be seated in his/her seat.

Section 10. Election of Senate District Officers:

Officers of the Senate District, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall be elected at the Convention held in odd numbered years.

- A. The Chair and Secretary shall be elected by the Senate District delegation at large.
- B. The Senate District Deputy-Chairs and Vice-Chairs shall be elected as provided in the Article of this Constitution regarding House Districts.
- C. The Treasurer shall be appointed in odd years by the duly elected Executive Committee, and whose appointment is subject to approval of the Full Committee by a simple majority vote.

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Section 11. Election of State Central Delegates and Alternates:

Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in odd numbered years determined under provisions of the MN Fourth/Eighth Congressional District Constitutions. The number of Alternates to the State Central Committee may be three times the number of Delegates allocated to the State Central Committee. Alternates elected to the State Central Committee shall be seated in the rank order of their election. Alternates with equal vote will be determined by lot.

Section 12. Rules:

Senate District Conventions shall be governed by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the MN Fourth and Eighth Congressional District Constitutions, this Constitution and By-Laws. The Senate District Convention may not adopt rules inconsistent with the preceding. Until Convention Rules are adopted, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be followed.

Section 13. Presiding Officer:

The presiding officer of MNSD33 or his/her designee may be the Chair of the Convention.

Section 14. Special Convention:

- A. The Senate District Executive/Full Committee may call a special convention of any political subdivision wholly within our BPOU for endorsement of candidates for public office.
- B. Delegates and Alternates residing within the geographic area of the office for which the endorsing convention was called shall be issued the call.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Bylaws

Bylaws that are consistent with the Constitution may be adopted and amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Full Committee members in attendance. Copies of all proposed Bylaws and amendments shall be transmitted electronically to all Full Committee members at least twenty days prior to the meeting that said Bylaws or amendments are to be voted upon.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates voting at any district convention if notice of the proposed change has been included in the convention call. Any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration and recommendation before it shall be voted upon by the Convention. If approved, it/they shall become effective immediately ~~upon passage~~. Constitutional amendments to be considered must be submitted at least twenty days in advance of a convention. ~~and~~ The Constitution & Bylaws Committee must provide notice and access to a written report of amendments to the Constitution at least ten days in advance of a convention.

Section 3. Parliamentary Procedure

Precedence of parliamentary procedure shall be the Republican Party of Minnesota

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Constitution and Bylaws, the 4th and 8th Congressional District Republican Party Constitutions and Bylaws, the District 33 Constitution and Bylaws, adopted rules and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.