



2026 Senate District 33 BPOU Convention

February 28th, 2026

Stillwater Middle School

523 West Marsh Street, Stillwater, MN 55082

9:00am registration, 10:00am gavel

<https://sd33mngop.com/Convention.html>

Proposed Rules, reported by the committee:

1. Order of Business:

The order of business of this convention shall be listed in the official Agenda of the convention, subject to the discretion of the presiding Chair. The Convention Chair shall have the prerogative to suspend the order of business for the purpose of introducing other matters pertinent to the business of the convention.

2. General Rules and Procedures:

2.1 *Robert's 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, official Call of the convention, the Constitution adopted by this convention, or the Rules adopted by this convention.

2.2 Quorum: The **quorum for convening** the convention shall be in accordance with the Senate District Constitution.

2.3 Appointments: The Convention Committees, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Tellers, Timekeeper, Sergeant-at-Arms and other functional positions as needed shall be appointed by the Convention Chair.

2.4 Signs & Literature: Candidate or issue signs are specifically prohibited over, behind or on the stage, front wall or head table area. All written material shall have a **disclaimer** that shows the person or organization responsible for the document. Any documents not having a disclaimer shall be seized by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

2.5 Facility Rules: The convention attendees shall abide by the rules set forth by the facility.

2.6 Persons Permitted on the Floor: Only convention officials, registered delegates, seated alternates, and authorized guests shall be permitted on the floor.

2.7 Effective Time: All provisions of these rules shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by the convention.

2.8 Amendment of the Rules: Once adopted, these rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a **two-thirds** (2/3) vote of the convention.

3. Seating of Delegates and Alternates:

3.1 Permanent Roll: The permanent roll of the convention shall be constituted as follows:

3.1-A The duly elected delegates of each precinct, elected at the last caucus, within the boundaries of Senate District 33 who are present and registered.

3.1-B The duly elected and **seated** alternates for the absent delegates.

3.1-C A delegate arriving late shall be seated as soon as they register or when they return to the convention floor, replacing the lowest ranked seated alternate, **except** when a ballot/vote is in progress.

3.1-D If a precinct has an insufficient number of delegates and alternates to fill its delegation, that precinct shall have incomplete representation.

3.2 Seating of Alternates: Alternates shall be seated in the **order of rank** determined at their precinct caucus. If a precinct did not record rankings, the alternates will be chosen by lot to determine seating. In the event that the Precinct Chair is absent, the next highest precinct officer shall assume the responsibilities for the Precinct Delegation. If no precinct officer is present, the Convention Chair shall designate a delegate as Acting Precinct Chair for the convention.

3.3 Disputes and Challenges: Any dispute in the filling of a delegation, or challenge made to the qualifications of a delegate or alternate, shall be referred to the Credentials Committee Chair – subject to appeal of the Convention Chair.

3.4 Photo identification with current residency must be provided during registration upon entering for all attendees, excluding approved dignitaries and minor children. An exception may be authorized by the Credentials Committee Chair, subject to appeal to the Convention Chair.

3.5 Credentials Report: The Credentials Committee shall report when requested by the Convention Chair.

4. Speaking:

4.1 Manner of Addressing the Convention: A registered delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, approach a microphone, address the Chair and state their **name, precinct and purpose for rising**. The time allotted for speaking shall be limited to **two (2)** minutes.

4.2 Debate: The **total time** allotted for debate on any **amendment** to a motion or **resolution** to the platform shall be **six (6)** minutes with equal and alternating time allotted for pro and con speakers. Each speaker shall be limited to **one (1)** minute. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so and no delegate may speak more than **two (2)** times on the same question. At least one speaker for each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to speak to an issue before a “call for the question” shall be in order. The Convention Chair may request that a motion/amendment/resolution be available in writing prior to any debate.

4.3 Time Allotted for Speeches: At any time, the Convention Chair may recognize **dignitaries**, such as congressional or statewide **candidates**, statewide or federal elected GOP legislators, state constitutional officers, or county commissioners, to address the convention. In order for the convention to proceed in a timely manner, the time allotted for said dignitaries shall be limited to **five (5)** minutes, Additional time may be allotted as needed, at the discretion of the Chair.

All **non-candidates** who wish to address the convention must register with the Convention Secretary before the final credentials report and state their purpose for speaking. The time allotted for speaking shall be limited to **two (2)** minutes.

5. Voting:

5.1 Eligible Voters: Only delegates and **seated** alternates **registered** and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.

5.2 Manner of Voting: The vote on all questions shall be by **voice vote** subject to the following restrictions:

5.2-A A **rising vote** shall be taken if requested by **at least two (2)** delegates or at the discretion of the Convention Chair.

5.2-B A **secret ballot** shall be taken if requested by **at least twenty (20)** delegates or at the discretion of the Convention Chair.

5.3 Unit Rule: There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule. “Unit Rule,” as used in this section, means any agreement entered into by any delegation that a majority of the votes from the delegation on any issue or election will bind the total delegation to vote as a unit on such issue or election.

5.4 Disputes: If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Convention Chair shall instruct the Head Teller and tellers to canvas the vote of said precinct and then report to the convention.

5.5 Second: No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if supported by at least one-third of the committee members.

6. Resolutions to the Platform: (Applies only in even numbered years)

6.1 Resolutions Committee Report: Only resolutions presented in a report to the convention by the Resolutions Committee shall be considered. The report shall be provided to the convention by the Chair of the Resolutions Committee or their appointee.

6.2 Procedure for Debate and Voting: Debate on any resolution shall be limited to 1 minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to **speak** more than twice on the same resolution. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had the option to do so. The maximum number of speakers is 6 per resolution.

6.3 Chair's Discretion: The Convention Chair shall have the prerogative to suspend debate on resolutions at any time to conduct other convention business and may move items of the report which are subject to amendment for consideration after other items of the Resolutions Report are adopted or rejected.

7. Legislative Endorsement: (Generally applies only in even numbered years, or to fill vacancies)

7.1 Registering with the Nominations Committee: Any person wishing to be nominated for Republican Endorsement for **State Representative or State Senator** must register with the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall convene at the call of the Committee Chair or at the direction of the Convention Chair.

7.2 Nominations Committee Report: The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention with a finding of **“qualified”** or **“not qualified”** for those candidates who have registered with the committee. Nominations from the floor shall **not only** be in order **per the MNSD33 Constitution**.

7.3 Singular Endorsement: Only one candidate may be endorsed for each office. All candidates being considered for endorsement must agree, to seek office as a Republican if endorsed. When more than one candidate is seeking endorsement, all of them shall be voted on at the same time.

7.4 Addressing the Convention: Each candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee shall be allotted **ten** (10) minutes, including nominating speeches, to address the

convention. The order of appearance shall be determined by lot.

7.4-A In the case of no endorsement after **2 ballots**, each candidate or candidate designee shall be allowed **three** (3) minutes to speak before the next ballot.

7.5 Balloting: Balloting for legislative endorsement for State Senator shall be by Senate District and for State Representative shall be by House District. Balloting shall be conducted in the following manner:

7.5-A If only **one** candidate is seeking endorsement balloting shall be conducted by a **voice vote**.

7.5-B If two or more candidates are seeking endorsement balloting will be by **secret ballot**.

7.5-C If **more than two** candidates are seeking endorsement, after the **third and successive ballots**, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be **removed** from the list and balloting shall continue until one candidate is endorsed or endorsement proceedings are adjourned.

7.6 Valid Ballots: Those ballots marked with **one** and only one nominated candidate's name or "no endorsement" shall be counted as **valid** ballots.

7.7 Endorsement Threshold: Only valid ballots will be counted for the purposes of determining the total votes cast and the votes required to achieve the required **60%** (percent) of valid ballots endorsement threshold.

8. Nomination and Election of Delegates to Congressional and State Conventions: (Generally applies only in even numbered years)

8.1 Nomination: Any person wishing to be considered for nomination as a State and Congressional District Convention Delegate Candidate, shall be a **duly elected delegate or alternate** elected at the most recent precinct caucus. All delegate candidates **must** place their name on the appropriate Delegate Candidate **Sign-Up sheet** no later than 30 minutes after registration ends. Nominations by **proxy** shall not be allowed unless submitted **in writing** with the nominee's own **signature** or from the nominee's own email account. Further nominations from the floor shall not be in order. The Nominations Committee may, at its discretion, request that a candidate appear before the committee to establish qualifications. The committee will present the final list of approved nominees to the Convention.

8.2 Single ballot for each Congressional District: Delegates and alternates elected to the State Convention shall also be delegates and alternates to the appropriate Congressional District Convention. As such, **one ballot per Congressional District** will be cast to elect

delegates to both conventions.

8.3 Addressing the Convention: Each nominee shall be allowed **one** (1) minute to address the convention prior to balloting. The **order** of addressing the convention shall be alphabetical by last name, A – Z or Z – A as determined at the time by coin toss, and **as listed on the ballot**.

8.4 Valid Ballots: Delegates and alternates shall be elected on the **same** ballot. Ballots for delegate or alternate are **invalid** if they are blank, preprinted on unofficial ballots, include the name of a person not nominated, contain **more** names than the allotted number of delegate positions or any **duplicate** names.

8.5 Manner of voting: The vote shall be by **secret ballot**, unless the number of nominees is equal to, or less than the number of delegate positions. Then the vote may be by voice.

8.6 Ranking: All properly marked ballots for Delegate will be tallied by the convention tellers with the nominees ranked in the **order of vote total**: highest vote first, lowest vote last. Ties shall be broken by lot. Delegates and alternates will be **ranked** as follows: Nominees ranked **1 - 14** will be declared **Delegates for the CD 4 and State Conventions**. Nominees ranked **15 - 42** will be declared **Alternates for the CD 4 and State Conventions** and ranked by vote total. Nominees ranked **1 - 24** will be declared **Delegates for the CD 8 and State Conventions**. Nominees ranked **25 - 72** will be declared **Alternates for the CD 8 and State Conventions** and ranked by vote total.

9. Nomination and Election of Officers to SD33: (Generally applies only in odd numbered years)

9.1 Nomination: All candidates **must** present their name to the Nominations Committee prior to the Convention call to order. Further nominations from the floor shall not be in order, unless otherwise specified in the SD33 Constitution. The Nominations Committee may, at its discretion, request that a candidate appear before the committee to establish qualifications. The committee will present the final list of approved nominees to the Convention. Any candidate that is presented to the nominations committee for a position and was determined eligible shall be allowed to be nominated from the floor.

9.2 Balloting: The Convention will use a **single** ballot for **each** Senate District Officer position with the nominees listed for each position on the respective ballot.

The Convention will also use a **single** ballot to fill the Vice Chair positions with all nominees listed for those positions. The ballot shall allow voting for up to, or equal to, the number of positions available at the time of the ballot.

9.3 Addressing the Convention: Each nominee shall be allowed **two** (2) minutes to address the convention prior to balloting. The **order** of addressing the convention shall be

alphabetical by last name, A – Z or Z – A as determined at the time by coin toss, and **as listed on the ballot**.

9.4 Valid Ballots: Senate District Officers shall be elected on **independent** ballots. Ballots for Senate District Officers are **invalid** if they are blank, preprinted on unofficial ballots, include the name of a person not nominated, or any **duplicate** names.

9.5 Manner of voting: The vote shall be by **secret ballot**, unless the number of nominees is equal to, or less than the number of Senate District Officer positions. Then the vote may be by voice.

9.6 Ranking: All properly marked ballots for Senate District Officer will be tallied by the convention tellers with the nominees ranked in the **order of vote total**: highest vote first, lowest vote last. Ties shall be broken by lot.

10. Nomination and Election of Delegates to State Central Committee: (Generally applies only in odd numbered years)

10.1 Nomination: All candidates **must** present their name to the Nominations Committee prior to the Convention call to order. Further nominations from the floor shall not be in order, unless otherwise specified in the SD33 Constitution. The Nominations Committee may, at its discretion, request that a candidate appear before the committee to establish qualifications. The committee will present the final list of approved nominees to the Convention.

10.2 Single ballot for each Congressional District: Delegates and alternates elected to the State Central Committee shall also be delegates and alternates to the appropriate Congressional District Convention.

10.3 Addressing the Convention: Each nominee shall be allowed **two** (2) minutes to address the convention prior to balloting. The **order** of addressing the convention shall be alphabetical by last name, A – Z or Z – A as determined at the time by coin toss, and **as listed on the ballot**.

10.4 Valid Ballots: Delegates and alternates shall be elected on the **same** ballot. Ballots for delegate or alternate are **invalid** if they are blank, preprinted on unofficial ballots, include the name of a person not nominated, contain **more** names than the allotted number of delegate positions or any **duplicate** names.

10.5 Manner of voting: The vote shall be by **secret ballot**, unless the number of nominees is equal to, or less than the number of delegate positions. Then the vote may be by voice.

10.6 Ranking: All properly marked ballots for Delegate will be tallied by the convention tellers with the nominees ranked in the **order of vote total**: highest vote first, lowest vote last. Alternates will be ranked by number of votes to fill the maximum possible seats. Ties shall be broken by lot.

11. Report of Convention Results:

The Convention Secretary shall forward the names of those elected and the draft minutes of the convention to the congressional districts and the Republican state office within ten (10) days of the convention.