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**Senate District 43 Republicans (“BPOU”)
Proposed Rules: 2026 Convention
March 12, 2026**

**These rules shall govern the Senate District 43 Republican Convention held on
March 12, 2026 at Crystal VFW Post #494 in Crystal, Minnesota**

RULE ONE: DEFINITIONS

- A. “Agenda” means the Official Agenda of the Convention.
- B. “Chair” means the Convention Chairperson.
- C. “Full Voting Area” is the entire area of Senate District 43, as defined in the 2023 Redistricting order, subsequent state legislation, and under the Third and/or Fifth Congressional District Constitution and Bylaws.
- D. “Member” means a person entitled to vote at the Convention under these Rules. The total of Members, at any time, shall be as determined by the most recent or final report of the Credentials Committee.
- E. “Basic Political Organizational Unit” (BPOU), also known as Senate District 43 Republicans, is the formal organization sanctioned by the Minnesota Republican Party for the area legally designated as Senate District 43.

RULE TWO: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of the business of the Convention when not in conflict with the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Third and/or Fifth Congressional District, the By-laws of Senate District 43 Republicans, the Official Call, or the rules adopted by the Convention.

RULE THREE: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of the Convention shall be as outlined on the Official Agenda for the Convention.

RULE FOUR: AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

After adoption, these rules may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 vote.



1 **RULE FIVE: CONVENTION ROLL AND QUORUM**

2 A. Persons entitled to vote at this Convention are those who meet all of the following
3 requirements:

4 1. They were elected as delegates or alternates at a 2026 precinct caucus of the
5 BPOU; presently reside within the precinct of the caucus which elected them;
6 and presently reside in a precinct now within the Full Voting Area.

7 2. They have registered at this Convention within the time limits specified in the
8 Official Call of this Convention. No delegates or alternates shall be registered
9 outside these time limits.

10 3. Alternates shall be seated as follows:

11 a. Immediately following the establishment of the temporary organization of
12 the BPOU Convention, vacancies in any precinct delegation shall be filled
13 from alternates elected from that precinct in the following sequence:

14 (1) In the order designated at the precinct caucus, if any such
15 designations were made.

16 (2) Where Subdivision 1 does not apply, alternates shall be seated
17 by the precinct chairperson(s) from the list of alternates elected
18 at the precinct caucus and registered at the Convention.

19 (3) If the precinct chairperson(s) is not present or cannot agree, a
20 majority of registered delegates from that precinct shall choose
21 the alternate.

22 (4) If there is no majority opinion of the registered delegates, or if
23 no delegates are present, then the Senate District
24 Chairperson(s), or a Senate District Vice Chairperson
25 designated by them, shall fill the vacancy from the available
26 alternates.

27 (5) Once alternates have been seated for each precinct, remaining
28 unseated alternates shall be seated "at large", so that vacant
29 delegate seats may be filled by an unseated alternate.

30 b. Delegates registered after alternates have been seated shall be seated in
31 place of earlier seated alternates. Alternates registered after other alternates
32 have been seated shall be seated in place of earlier seated alternates if they
33 have higher priority in accordance with the order designated at the precinct
34 caucuses.

35 c. Seating of the registered alternates shall be permissible at any time during the
36 Convention if a seated delegate or seated alternate is absent; provided,
37 however, that upon returning, the seated delegate shall assume the seat of
38 the last seated alternate.

39 d. No Convention attendee that is not currently seated as a delegate or alternate
40 may enter the section designated for the seated delegates and seated
41 alternates without the permission of the Chair.



- 1 B. A numerical majority of the total number of registered delegates (as given at the
2 preliminary Credentials Committee report) shall constitute a quorum for the purpose
3 of convening the Convention. Thereafter, a call for a quorum shall be out of order.
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5 **RULE SIX: ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION**

- 6 A. A Member wishing to speak shall rise, address The Chair, and state the Member's
7 name and precinct and the purpose for which the Member rises.
8 B. The Chair may, discretionarily, recognize elected officials, Party officers, invited
9 guests, and others and allow them the privilege of addressing the Convention for a
10 period not to exceed five minutes, unless agreed to by a majority vote of the Members.
11 C. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two minutes to each speaker. No
12 Member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject.
13 D. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to
14 speak to an issue before a motion for the previous question or a motion to postpone
15 shall be in order.
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17 **RULE SEVEN: VOTING**

- 18 A. All voting for BPOU officers and for delegates and alternates to other Republican
19 bodies shall be by secret ballot. Ballots may be designed to permit mechanical
20 tabulation, if available. Ballots shall be designed to allow manual tabulation in lieu of
21 using mechanical devices.
22 B. If a candidate is running for an uncontested position, a voice vote can be called for by
23 assent of 2/3 of the seated delegates and seated alternates. This would place Rule
24 7A into suspension for that particular election, but none that follow. All subsequent
25 uncontested elections will have to make an additional motion to suspend Rule 7A by
26 a 2/3 vote. All contested elections will follow Rule 7A.
27 C. An election for a pool of Vice Chairs (in a state house district) can be seen as
28 uncontested if, and only if, the number of candidates is less than or equal to the
29 number of positions available in that pool. Creating this single block of Vice Chairs
30 must be done in a separate vote, with 2/3 assent being given by seated delegates
31 and seated alternates. Once the block has been approved, then a motion can be
32 made for a voice vote on an uncontested race. If the motion to create the block fails,
33 then the vote will be by secret ballot, per Rule 7A, and no motion for voice vote can
34 be made.
35 D. The vote on all other questions may be by voice vote, unless a Member calls for a
36 secret ballot vote in accordance with this Rule.
37 E. In the case of voice votes, a standing vote shall be taken, at the request of one or
38 more Members or at the discretion of the Chair.
39 F. The Chair may, if in doubt as to the result of a standing vote, order a polling of
40 precincts. The votes shall be reported by the respective precinct chairperson(s).
41 G. Each Member shall have one vote. Unit-rule voting is forbidden.



- 1 H. Invalid ballots will not be counted. The tellers will separate any invalid ballots from
2 the valid ballots. The following ballots will be deemed invalid: (a) a blank ballot; (b) a
3 ballot with more than the number of positions to be filled; (c) a ballot on which a name
4 of any nominee appears more than once; and, (d) a ballot containing the name of a
5 person not duly nominated (i.e. write-ins).

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7 **RULE EIGHT: CONTESTED ELECTION BALLOTING**

- 8 A. The balloting shall be by secret ballots in accordance with Rule 7.
- 9 B. The ballots cast by Members from each precinct shall be collected by a precinct
10 chairperson and given to the tellers. The number of ballots cast by a precinct must be
11 verified by the tellers and any discrepancies shall be announced by the Chair before
12 the ballots are commingled for tabulation. In the absence of a precinct
13 chairperson, a majority of registered delegates from that precinct shall choose
14 the alternate person to collect ballots.
- 15 C. If there is a dispute about the number of ballots cast by any precinct, a challenge must
16 be made before the ballots from that precinct are placed with others for tabulation.
17 Upon such a challenge, The Chair shall appoint a special judge and a special teller to
18 count the ballots cast by the precinct. The Members of the precinct will be required to
19 vote again if there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted
20 to that precinct.
- 21 D. The head tellers shall report to the Chair the vote totals for each nominee of the written
22 ballot. The Chair shall announce the results to the Members.
- 23 E. If there is a tie for any position, the winner shall be determined by revote.

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25 **RULE NINE: ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS**

- 26 A. No person may be considered as a candidate for a BPOU officer position unless such
27 person's name was submitted by written nomination to the Nominations Committee,
28 no later than thirty minutes after the Report of the Rules Committee, including the
29 Rules of this Convention, has been adopted. Nominations may be made from the
30 floor, providing that the nominee has made an appearance before the Nominating
31 Committee. A delegate may yield to a non-delegate for nomination. Nominations need
32 not be seconded. Nominating speeches for nominees shall not exceed three minutes.
33 Seconding speeches shall be included in the time allotted for nominating speeches.
- 34 B. The Nominating Committee shall report and distribute to the Convention a list of all
35 nominations that were submitted. The Committee may recommend a candidate for
36 one or more offices, but adoption of the Committee Report shall not bind Members to
37 any recommendations offered by the committee.
- 38 C. A nominee must reside in the Full Voting Area but need not be a Member.
- 39 D. Nominees will have the opportunity to speak to the Convention for a period not
40 exceeding one minute before a vote is taken.



- 1 E. Members shall vote for the nominees for BPOU general officers in accordance with
- 2 Rules 7 and 8. Write-in votes are not permitted.
- 3 F. If there are more than two candidates running for an office and no candidate receives
- 4 a majority of the ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be
- 5 eliminated from the ensuing ballots except for Vice Chair candidates in a pooled race
- 6 (multiple candidates for multiple offices of the same rank, see J below).
- 7 G. Any candidate who receives a majority vote shall be considered elected.
- 8 H. Any candidate not elected to a higher office may be nominated to a lower office from
- 9 the floor without reappearing before the Nominating Committee.
- 10 I. Vice Chair Candidates shall be pooled together in one race each per side of residency
- 11 (House District), A & B. The top voter getters commensurate with the number of
- 12 available positions in each pooled race shall be considered elected whether receiving
- 13 a majority or not.

RULE TEN: ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. State Convention Delegates

The number of positions to be filled by this Convention for the State Convention is 19 delegates, 1 from the Third Congressional District and 18 from the Fifth Congressional District. The number of positions is proportionally allocated as follows (based upon voting in the last election):

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Third Congressional District (43B, Plymouth)	1
Fifth Congressional District (43A, 43B)	18

B. Congressional District Conventions Delegates

The total number of positions to be filled for the Third Congressional District's Convention is 1 Delegates. The total number of positions to be filled for the Fifth Congressional District Convention is 18 Delegates. The number of positions is allocated as follows:.

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Third Congressional District (43B, Plymouth)	1
Fifth Congressional District (43A, 43B)	18

- 33 C. In all cases the number of alternates allotted is equal to the number of delegates.
- 34 There may also be an equal number of second alternates if there is sufficient interest.
- 35 Therefore, the number of allocated delegates and alternates are:

	Delegates	First Alternates	Second Alternates
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Third Congressional District Convention	1	1	2
Fifth Congressional District Convention	18	18	18
State Convention from Third Congressional District	1	1	1
State Convention from Fifth Congressional District	18	18	18

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D. There shall be one election for each congressional district at which delegates at this convention are elected both as Congressional District Convention and State Convention delegates and alternates.

E. Delegate and Alternate positions shall be filled as follows:

1. No person may be considered as a delegate nominee unless such person's name was submitted in nomination to an office of the Senate District 43 before the convention begins, or to this convention's Nominating Committee no later than thirty minutes after the Report of the Rules Committee, including the Rules of this Convention, has been adopted. Nominations from the floor shall not be permitted. Notice of this rule will be enunciated from the podium at the start of the agenda.
2. The Nominating Committee shall distribute to the voting delegation a list of all nominations that were submitted and shall include the information on such nominations required by Section 8 of the District Bylaws.
3. A nominee must reside in the Full Voting Area.
4. The Chair shall divide the convention into Congressional District partitions for the election of State/Congressional District Convention delegates.
5. Speeches by nominees or their designees shall be limited to thirty seconds.
6. Delegates shall vote up to the number of nominees of State Convention delegate positions allocated for their respective district per Rule 10.
7. Delegates shall vote for nominees from their respective district as indicated on the list of nominees in accordance to Rule Eight. Write-in votes are not permitted.
8. Nominees shall be declared elected as delegates and alternates in the order in which they receive a plurality of validly cast votes. The nominees receiving the most votes will be declared delegates. The next nominees receiving votes will be declared alternates with assigned seniority in the order of votes received. If there is a tie for a delegate position, the winner shall be determined by a revote.



- 1 9. A special election of nominees for alternate delegate may be conducted upon
2 the determination by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee that the
3 convention has not elected with the first ballot a number of alternates
4 equivalent to the full allocation of State and Congressional District conventions
5 delegates, per Rule 10. The exclusive purpose of a special election is to fill
6 unfilled alternate positions. This rule shall not be interpreted as a requirement
7 that the delegates must vote to fill unfilled alternate positions.

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9 **RULE ELEVEN: TRANSMITTAL OF NAMES**

10 The names of those elected as BPOU Officers shall be forwarded within seven (7)
11 business days after the Convention to the respective State, Third, and Fifth Congressional
12 District Headquarters by the District Chair or the chair's designee.

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14 **RULE TWELVE: MISCELLANEOUS**

- 15 A. A minority report of a Convention Committee may be presented if concurred on, in
16 writing, by two or more members of a Committee.

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