**Republican Party of Senate District 49 (SD49) 2022 Convention Rules**

**March 6, 2022**

**1. Parliamentary rules**

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 bylaws of the SD 49 Republican Party, the Constitution of the Third Congressional District, the official Convention call, or the Rules adopted by the Convention.

**2. Order of business**

The Convention Chair shall follow the order of business in the Official Agenda but shall have discretion to allow speakers at any time when, in the opinion of the Chair, such action would allow the Convention to move more efficiently:

**3. Amendment or suspension**

After adoption of these Rules, the Rules may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 majority vote of the seated Delegates and seated Alternates as determined by the most current report of the Credentials Committee.

**4. Addressing the Convention**

A. A Delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, and when recognized, state the Delegate’s name and precinct and the purpose for speaking.

B. The Convention Chair may recognize party Officers, candidates, invited guests and others, and allow them the privilege of addressing the Convention for a period not to exceed three minutes, or up to five minutes at the Chair’s discretion.

C. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject.

D. At least one speaker on each side of a question shall be given the opportunity to speak about an issue before a call for the question shall be in order.

**5. Convention roll and quorum**

**A. Entitlement to vote**

Persons entitled to vote at the Convention are the seated Delegates or Alternates who were (1) elected at the 2022 precinct caucuses and (2) reside within the same precinct of the Senate District as they did at the time of the caucuses. Every person entitled to vote shall be seated in delegations according to the precinct in which he or she was elected at the 2022 precinct caucuses.

**B. Filling of vacancies in delegations**

After adoption of the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, vacancies in the delegations shall be filled as follows:

1. From the elected Alternates within the precinct in the order of priority, if any, designated at the caucus.

2. Where no priority of Alternates has been established, the chairs of the precincts may designate the Alternate to be seated from the list of Alternates elected at the Caucus from their precincts.

3. If a precinct has no registered and seated chair or the chairs cannot agree on the seating of the Alternate, a majority of Delegates from the affected precinct shall choose the Alternate.

4. If there is no majority opinion of the registered Delegates, or if no Delegates are present, the Senate District Chair, Deputy Chair or the highest-ranking Senate District officer shall select the alternate to fill the vacancy.

**C. Temporary seating.**

Seating of a registered Alternate shall be permissible at any time to take the place of a previously seated Delegate or Alternate within the delegation; provided, however, that upon return of the previously seated Delegate or Alternate, the previously seated person shall be immediately reseated.

**D. Quorum.**

A majority of the total number of Delegates registered and Alternates registered and seated shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of convening the Convention. Once a quorum is established, a call for a quorum shall be out of order.

**6. Voting**

A. All voting for contested positions shall be by written secret ballot.

B. The vote on all other matters shall be by voice vote.

C. At the request of Delegates from three or more precincts, a standing vote shall be taken.

D. If the Convention Chair is in doubt as to the result of a standing vote, he or she may order a polling of the precincts.

E. Each seated Delegate and seated Alternate shall have one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

**7. Bylaws**

A. As charged in the SD49 Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee has reviewed the Bylaws and is recommending no changes to the Bylaws as published on the SD49 website and available in printed form at each precinct table.

**8 Resolutions**

A. Resolutions submitted at precinct Caucuses have been considered by the Resolutions Committee prior to the Convention.

B. The Resolutions Committee Chair shall deliver a Resolutions Committee Report to the convention. In order for the Convention to debate a particular resolution, three voting members, each from a different precinct, must declare their desire to set those resolutions aside for debate. Resolutions that are not set aside will then be voted on as a block and without amendment. The remaining (debatable) resolutions will then be considered one at a time.

 **9. Nomination and Election of Executive Committee of SD49**

A. Persons who desire to be nominated shall email their political resume and intention to seek an Executive Committee position to the Nominations Committee by 6pm on March 4, 2022 as outlined in the Convention Call. Nominations from the floor will not be allowed.

B. The elections shall proceed as follows:

C. The Nominations Committee shall present its approved nominations.

D. No one person can run for more than one position in the election of the Executive Committee of SD49.

E. Upon the close of the report of the Nominations Committee each person running for a contested position will be given 1 minute to address to the Convention. Voting shall then

proceed for the election of the SD49 Executive Committee.

F. The Convention Delegates and seated Alternates shall elect Executive Committee of SD49. For non-contested positions voting can be done by acclamation.

G. A Delegate or seated Alternate must vote for only the number of candidates, equal to the number of Executive positions to be filled. A ballot with fewer or more votes than the number of Delegate positions to be filled shall be invalid. A ballot on which the name of any nominee appears more than once shall be invalid.

H. In the event of a tie for any last position, the winner shall be chosen by lot unless the tie is resolved by the individuals involved.

**10. Endorsement question and procedure**

A. The registered Delegates and seated Alternates who reside in District 49 shall consider the endorsement of candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives. For the State House, only the respective A- or B-side House District Delegates and Alternates shall make this consideration.

B. The first matter of endorsement procedure shall be to determine, by simple majority vote, whether endorsement shall be considered.

C. Candidates for endorsement must be recommended by the Candidate Search Committee of SD 49. All candidates, or their representatives, must notify the Candidate Search Committee of SD 49 of their intent to seek endorsement by 6pm on March 4, 2022. Any candidate who fails to make such notification within the time specified cannot be nominated.

D. Where more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for a single office, none of the candidates shall be voted on separately. Subject to the provisions below, the candidacies of all shall be submitted on each ballot, unless a candidate withdraws candidacy. Only one candidate may be endorsed for the office.

E. All nominations for Candidates qualifying for endorsement per part C above shall be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be given a total of 10 minutes of floor time for nominating and seconding speeches and personal remarks before voting begins. The order of these speeches shall be determined by lot, with all speeches by or for a given candidate completed before the next candidate is nominated. The Convention Chair or designee shall keep an accurate record of a candidate’s time.

F. Only those Delegates and seated Alternates eligible at the time of the Convention to vote for the candidates in the 2022 general election shall be eligible to vote on the endorsement of said candidates.

G. When there are more than two candidates seeking endorsement for an office, voting shall be conducted in rounds and as follows: any candidate who receives no more than 15 percent of the vote on the first ballot, no more than 20 percent on the second ballot, or no more than 30 percent on the third ballot shall be dropped from further consideration. Only the candidates with the two highest vote totals on the third ballot shall proceed to the fourth ballot.

H. Any candidate who shall by secret ballot receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as stated in the final report of the Credentials Committee shall be declared endorsed.

I. If there is only one candidate for endorsement, no secret ballot will be taken unless a motion to proceed to secret ballot passes by a 2/3 majority vote. If a motion to proceed to secret ballot is not made or does not pass, a Candidate may be endorsed by a majority standing vote of the convention.

**11. Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Third Congressional District (CD3) and State Conventions**

A. Persons who desire to be nominated to be a Delegate to the CD3 and State Conventions shall declare their intention for such nomination to the Nomination Committee by 6pm on March 4, 2022. No Nominations from the floor will be permitted.

B. The elections shall proceed as follows:

1) The Nominations Committee Chair shall present a ballot of the nominations.

2) Upon the close of the report of the Nominations Committee, voting shall proceed as set forth in these Rules.

3. Each candidate for Delegate to the CD3 and State Convention shall be allowed up to 30 seconds to address the Convention.

4) The Convention Delegates and seated Alternates shall elect CD 3 and State Delegates and Alternates up to the total allotment of (XX) Delegates for SD49.

5) A Delegate or seated Alternate must vote for only the number of candidates equal to the number of Delegate positions to be filled. A ballot with fewer or more votes than the number of Delegate positions to be filled shall be invalid. A ballot on which the name of any nominee appears more than once shall be invalid.

6) The number of nominees equal to the number of Delegates allotted with the highest number of votes shall be elected Delegates.

7) The remaining nominees, up to the number of Alternates allotted, shall be elected Alternates. Alternates shall be ranked according to the number of votes they receive.

8) In the event of a tie for any last position, the winner shall be chosen by lot unless the tie is resolved by the individuals involved.

**12. Balloting**

The balloting for the election of Delegates and Alternates to the CD3 and State Conventions shall be conducted as follows:

A. The balloting for contested positions shall be by secret ballot. A Delegate or seated Alternate must vote for only a number of candidates (XX) equal to the number of positions to be elected. A ballot with fewer or more votes than the number of positions to be elected shall be invalid. A ballot on which the name of any nominee appears more than once shall be invalid.

B. The ballots allotted to each precinct (including any blank ballots) shall be collected by the Precinct Chairs and given to the tellers. If the tellers find a discrepancy between the number of ballots cast and the number of a precinct’s Delegates and seated Alternates shown in the final credentials report, the discrepancy shall be brought to the attention of the Chief Teller and, if possible, corrected before the ballots are commingled for tabulation. If the problem results in a dispute, the problem shall be resolved under the provisions of item C in this section. When there is no discrepancy or after it is resolved, the tellers shall commingle the ballots and count the votes.

C. If there is a dispute about the number of ballots cast by any precinct, a challenge must be made before the ballots from that precinct are placed with others 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 shall be required to vote again only if there is a discrepancy between the original count of ballots and the number of seated Delegates and seated Alternates shown in the final credentials report.

D. The tellers shall report to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast for each position. Time permitting, the Convention Chair shall announce these results to the Convention. In the event that the Convention has adjourned the announcement may made be made via email from the Chair, Deputy Chair or highest-ranking member of the Executive Committee or posting to the Senate District website.

**13. Miscellaneous**

A. Registration for the Convention shall close at 30 minutes after the Convention is called to order as stated in the official call for the Convention, with no Delegates or Alternates to be registered thereafter.