

CD2 Constitution Committee Report 2023

There are three changes included:

1. Art. IV, Sec. 3 (C) corrects a major flaw that creates conflicts in Full Committee representation.
2. Art. 6, sec 1, clarifies the order of precedence for calling a convention.
3. Art. VII, Sec. 6 makes the necessary distinction between endorsed Republicans and NON-endorsed, NON-partisan candidates.

1. Explanation: The CD2 constitution specifies that representation on the Full Committee is by House District, just like Legislative or Congressional seats. The lines are complex, so where a House District crosses BPOU lines, the representative must be allocated to one BPOU or the other. See the analysis on the following page.

- C. The Committee shall consist of:
- i. All members of the Executive Committee.
 - ii. One BPOU representative for each of the State House Districts wholly or partly in CD2, AFTER the BPOU conventions in 2024, and subject to the following:
 - a. A BPOU organized as a House District or Senate District gets 1 or 2 representatives, respectively.
 - b. A County, in addition to representatives from House District or Senate District BPOUs fully within the County, may have representatives for any partial House Districts within its boundaries, with a maximum of four total representatives from the County.
 - c. A House District lying mostly in another Congressional District does NOT get a representative at CD2.
 - d. Unless otherwise provided by the BPOU constitution, each BPOU Executive Committee shall select the representative or representatives and an alternate or alternates for each House district. The selectees must reside within that House District and the Second District.

2.

ARTICLE VI CONVENTIONS

Section 1: Call

A CD2 convention shall be held annually, during the period established by the State Central Committee and at the call of ~~the State Executive Committee~~ the CD2 Full Committee or CD2 Executive Committee, or State Executive Committee, as provided in the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

3.

Section 6: Support for NON-Endorsed Local Candidates.

~~Where local, nonpartisan candidates cross BPOU lines, CD2 may coordinate the "recommendation" of those candidates by the BPOUs. Use of limited CD2 resources in support of such candidates should be based on the degree to which they demonstrate a desire and ability to advance Republican principles in the office, as expressed in the State Platform. Any such support requires approval of the CD2 Full Committee.~~

Where local, nonpartisan candidates cross BPOU lines, CD2 may coordinate the "recommendation" of those candidates by the BPOUs. . Limited to a maximum of 4 per county BPOU. CD2 may assist the BPOUs with indirect support by: the providing of contact lists, with a suitable list use agreement, encouraging volunteers and individual direct financial support, and to direct communication with our activists in those jurisdictions. Financial support for non-endorsed, nonpartisan candidates is the responsibility of the BPOU(s), but individual candidates can receive CD2 funds by a 60% vote of the Full Committee, if that does not violate the State Party Constitution.

Explanation: The State Party Constitution is unclear: Art. V, Sec. 3 A5 on endorsements says "An endorsement may carry with it the commitment of party resources, finances and volunteers only when made at a convention that is representative of the entire electorate for the office." Notice that "resources" and "finances" are separated. Art. V, Sec. 1 on recommendations says, "2. An endorsement supersedes a recommendation for any given position." That says they are different, and then "4. Support for candidates that have been recommended, according to the procedure in this section, shall include the following: a) Access to voter information held by the Party, but limited to voters in the district represented by the office being sought, and b) Any other resources available to the Party." Notice that "finances and volunteers" are left out. The above change lets us build that "farm team" but emphasizes doing the hard work of coordinating efforts of the BPOUs, rather than simply writing a check.

Committee makeup with change 1

HD	Boundaries	Allocation	Total Hard
19A	Rice,	Rice 0	0
20A	Goodhue, tiny sliver in CD2	Goodhue 0	0
22B	LeSeuer, slivers Scott & Rice, ignore Blue Earth CD1	LeSeuer 1, Sc, R ½@	1
41A	CD4, sliver in CD2	SD41 0	0
41B	All CD2 Washington County	SD41B	1
47A	CD4	0	0
47B	CD4/2	SD47 (0)	0
52AB	52	SD52 2	2
53AB	53	SD53 2	2
54AB	54	SD54 2 (Scott)	2
55AB	55A Scott/Dakota, 55B Dakota	SD55 2, Scott ½	2
56AB	56	SD56 2	2
57A	Dakota-Scott	SD57 1, Scott ½	1
57B	Dakota	SD57 1	1
58A	Rice-Scott	Rice 1/2, Scott ½	0
58B	Dakota-Rice	58B (SWDC?) 1 Rice ½	1
65B	Ramsey-Dakota	SD65 1 (0)	0
Scott	Scott	Scott 2	2
Rice	Rice	Rice 2	2
	Total	Hard	20