

# Constitutional Amendments

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## AMENDMENT 1

ARTICLE 1- NAME, PURPOSE, JURISDICTION & RESPONSIBILITIES, Section 2 - Purpose

**Original:** PURPOSE – The purpose of the Party shall be to elect Republican endorsed candidates to public office and to manage the affairs of the Republican Party within the County.

**Approved:** PURPOSE – The Party's purpose ~~of the Party~~ shall be to ~~elect~~ aid the election of Republican endorsed or recommended candidates to all public offices and to manage Republican Party the affairs ~~of the Republican Party~~ within the County.

**Rationale** – Clarifies which county is being referenced. As this passage currently reads, “endorsed” could be interpreted multiple ways...’endorsed” as in Endorsing Convention Endorsement or “endorsed” as in approved/blessed/etc. candidates.

**Eliminated** “endorsed”...If “endorsed” is to mean Convention-endorsed candidates, why are we limiting ourselves to supporting only endorsed candidates (what about supporting Recommended Status candidates and those candidates running for nonpartisan offices since “Endorsed candidates” are normally for partisan offices)? Also, the Party doesn’t elect candidates, the voting public elects candidates...the Party helps GOP candidates get elected.

## AMENDMENT 2

ARTICLE 1 - NAME, PURPOSE, JURISDICTION & RESPONSIBILITIES, Section 3 - Jurisdiction

**Original:** JURISDICTION – The jurisdiction of the Party shall be limited to the geographical area situated within the boundaries of Carver County. All Carver County residents, who support the platform and purposes of the Party, shall be considered members thereof.

**Approved:** JURISDICTION – The Party's jurisdiction ~~of the Party~~ shall be limited to the geographical area situated within Carver County's ~~the~~ boundaries ~~of Carver County~~ (hereinafter referred to as ~~known as~~ the “County”). All ~~Carver~~ County residents, who support the Minnesota Republican Party platform and the Party's purposes ~~of the Party~~, shall be considered members thereof.

### **Rationale:**

1. Clarifies what county to being referenced multiple times later in the document. Eliminated some prepositional phrasing. Remainder of the CCGOP Constitution references “county” but county is not defined...this amendment defines “county”.
2. Party, per section 1, refers to the Carver Co GOP. MN GOP has a published platform, change wording to clarify “platform” is referring to the MN GOP platform.

### AMENDMENT 3

ARTICLE II – Party Organization

**Approved** - Add the following

Section 3 STANDING COMMITTEES – The following standing committees shall report to the Party’s Executive Committee:

A. Constitution Committee

B. Election Judge Committee

C. Political Candidate Search Committee

**Rationale** – each standing committee has its own CCGOP Constitution Article defining duties but nowhere in in the constitution are these committees chartered/authorized as part of the formal BPOU structure.

### AMENDMENT 4

ARTICLE III - Elections and Duties, Section 1 - Elections and Appointments

**Original:** No officers or vice-chairs shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms in any particular office.

**Approved:** No officers or vice-chairs shall be elected to ~~serve~~ more than three ~~two~~ consecutive two-year terms in the same ~~any particular~~ office.

**Rationale:** 3 issues.

**Issue 1** - Term limits have their utility; 2-term limit seems too short when considering the 4-yr Presidential election cycle and the 6 yr US/MN Senate terms. Depending on when the officer is elected, 2-term limit could force a high performing officer out ~20 months prior to a Presidential election. 3 terms is a compromise between unlimited terms (bad) and artificially hamstringing the BPOU in the most critical 20-month span of the all the election cycles. It would be smarter have term limits force officers out just after a Presidential election than the 20-month proceeding one. Also, a 6-yr limit allows an officer’s term to overlap the vast majority of an US/MN Senate term.

Ex: EC chair elected in Feb '23, the 2-term limit forces the chair out Feb'27 (20 months prior to the Nov '28 Presidential election). A 3-term limit allows the chair to serve through the next Pres election and be term-limited out in Feb '29 (post-Pres election) ...the EC chair’s term bridges across 2 presidential election cycles.

**Issue 2** – Clarity. I feel this passage could read more clearly. Replacing “...any particular” with “the same” helps clarify that the passage is talking about multiple terms in the identical office.

**Issue 3** – BPOU officers and Vice Chairs are all elected, so change “serve” to “elected” to reflect such.

## AMENDMENT 5

ARTICLE VIII - Political Candidate Search Committee, Section 2 – Membership

**Original:** MEMBERSHIP - The Committee shall have at least two members from each Carver County Commissioner District and at least one member from each House District at least partially within Carver County. The Executive Committee shall approve appointments to this Committee.

**Approved:** Original: MEMBERSHIP - The Political Candidate Search Committee shall have at least one member ~~two members~~ from each Carver County Commissioner District and at least one member from each Minnesota State House District that wholly or at least partially lies within the County. The Executive Committee shall approve appointments to ~~this~~ the Political Candidate Search Committee.

**Rationale** - clarifies which “house district” is being addressed (US House or MN State House) and sets minimum membership floor. Original text of 2 members per commissioner district sets Pol Candidate Search Committee minimum manning at 13 members, which is a huge committee. 1 member per commissioner districts sets minimum membership at 8, which is more than adequate while ensuring commissioner district representation, yet PCSC membership can grow if needed (“at least 1 member”).

## AMENDMENT 6

ARTICLE VIII – Political Candidate Search Committee, Section 3 – Duties

**Original:** The duties of the Committee shall be coordinated with search activities of other BPOUs and other Republican jurisdictions as needed. This Committee shall report to each regular County Convention on the work of their Committee.

**Approved:** DUTIES – As needed, Political Candidate Search Committee activities ~~The duties of the Committee~~ shall be coordinated with the search activities of other BPOUs and other Republican jurisdictions ~~as needed~~. ~~This~~ The Political Candidate Search Committee shall report its activity to each ~~regular~~ annual County Convention and to the Full Committee ~~on the work of their Committee~~.