RULES

Third Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota Convention
Via: Zoom Webinar and Teleconference on 3-20-2021, starting at 10:00 AM

I Preface to Rules

I. Several Convention rules are mandated by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota. The rules appearing in bold face can neither be amended nor debated.

ii. The Constitution provides in Article V, Section 4, “Once the temporary organization has been established, the first order of business of a state or Congressional District convention shall be the seating of alternates. The permanent voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the delegates of each BPOU who actually are present, and in the absence of any delegate to the convention, an alternate shall be seated in his/her stead during his/her absence according to the procedure established by the constitution or bylaws of the BPOU”.

II. Parliamentary Rules

1. The business of this Convention shall be as outlined on the Official Agenda for the Convention and as adopted by the Convention, subject to change at the discretion of the chair.

2. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, any special rules of order the party may adopt, the official call of this convention and the rules adopted by this convention.

3. Once adopted, these Rules shall neither be amended nor suspended except by two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention as reported by the last Credentials Committee Report.

4. The quorum is 30% of the credentialed delegates according to the final credentials report. Once a quorum is established, a call for quorum is out of order.

5. Individuals who participate in any activity to disrupt the business of the convention may be permanently removed from the convention at the sole discretion of the Convention Chair.

6. Only delegates and alternates who registered at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, per the convention call and are present before the final credential committee reports are eligible to be seated. Being present is demonstrated by logging in and participating in a credentialing roll call vote via the electronic voting technology being utilized for the convention.

III. Delegation Leadership—

1. If a BPOU Chair or Co-Chair is not present or the BPOU Chair is not a Delegate to the Third Congressional District, the seated delegates from the BPOU shall elect a temporary BPOU chair for the Convention.

IV. Seating
1. Persons entitled to vote at the convention are delegates or alternates who were elected as CD3 delegates and alternates at the BPOU conventions within the Third Congressional District in 2020 and who currently reside within the basic political organizational units (BPOUs) that elected them and one delegate and one alternate from any officially recognized party affiliate, provided those individuals are residents of the Third Congressional District and shall be of voting age at the time of the next general election. If present, delegates shall be seated. If vacancies exist in a BPOU delegation, alternates from that BPOU shall be seated as provided by this section.

2. The voting strength of each BPOU or Affiliate Organization shall be the number of seated delegates and alternates present and voting as reported in the second credentials report. If a delegate or seated alternate leaves the convention or stops submitting votes after the second credentials report, that delegation seat shall remain vacant and not be filled by an Alternate.

3. The Credentials Committee Chair shall certify to the Convention Chair those Affiliate delegates and alternates specified in Article VII, Section 1B of the State Party Constitution and listed in the addendum to the State Party Bylaws. On any roll call or written vote, those Official Affiliate delegates shall vote as a separate group and only the vote of those present and voting shall be counted.

4. The Credentials Committee Chair shall report any changes in the delegations if requested by the Convention Chair or a majority of seated delegates and alternates.

V. Speaking

1. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to introduce, make, or second a motion; participate in discussion; or speak to the convention for any other reason shall use the “raise hand” feature in CVote and wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer. Once acknowledged, the Delegate or seated Alternate will address the Chair, state his/her name, BPOU, and the purpose for which he/she is speaking. Unless otherwise allowed in these rules only delegates and seated alternates may seek to be recognized to speak. The Convention Chair will instruct to “lower hands” at any time once a motion has been voted upon or the next order of business begins. Delegates and seated Alternates shall be given the opportunity to seek recognition again unless a motion is non-debatable or out of order.

2. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once upon the same subject. Total time for debate of each motion shall not exceed four (4) minutes with equal opportunity afforded to affirmative and negative speakers. Each speaker must identify whether they speak in the affirmative or the negative before being allowed to speak on a motion or subject. After there has been one (1) speaker on one side and the chair has asked for a speaker on the opposing side, if there is no speaker on the opposing side, the debate will be ended.

3. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing debate and speeches during the Convention.

4. The Chair at any time may invite any distinguished guests to address the Convention for a period not to exceed:
   a. Four (4) minutes for MNGOP Chair and MN Gubernatorial candidates
b. Three (3) minutes for other candidates for elective office and current invited elected office holders

c. Two (2) minutes for candidates for CD3 Party office

VI. Voting

1. There shall be no voting by proxy or under unit rule in this Convention.

2. Items without objection may be passed by unanimous consent

3. The convention Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.

4. The Convention Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.

5. Voting will proceed until the Chairperson rules balloting closed.

6. The votes on all questions shall be by an internet-based voting technology, CVote. The identities or any identifying information of voting members shall be concealed from the MNGOP, the CD, candidates, campaigns, and any participating member or group of this convention. An audit trail shall be provided after the convention adjourns at the request of the Congressional District Chair.

7. The vote on all questions shall be considered a rising vote by voting yea or nay

8. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Search/Nominations committee.

VII. Election of the Third Congressional District Executive Committee

A. The Candidate Search/Nominating Committee shall place in nomination each person reported out of the Candidate Search/Nominating Committee who seeks to stand for election as a Congressional District Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chair. There shall be seven Vice Chairs elected.

B. No person may stand for election as a Congressional District Executive Committee member unless the person (1) understands the duties and responsibilities of the position the person seeks; and (2) meets with the Candidate Search/Nominating Committee.

C. No person can stand for election to more than one CD3 party office during the convention.

D. The order of presenting names of nominees shall be as follows:

1. The nominees for Chair.
2. The nominees for Deputy Chair.
3. The nominees for Secretary.
4. The nominees for Treasurer.
5. The nominees for Seven Vice-Chairs.
After all candidates have been placed in nomination by the Candidate Search/Nominating Committee, each person nominated shall be given two minutes to address the Convention. The order of nominating and candidate speeches for each office shall be determined by alphabetical order. Additional nominations during the convention are not allowed.

E. If the number of the candidates for any office is less than or equal to the number of positions to be elected there will be no candidate speeches and the nominee(s) shall be voted on by acclamation voice vote.

F. For all positions except for the vice chairs, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for each position available. For the positions of vice chair, the seven candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

G. In the event of a tie vote for any position, the winner shall be elected by a tie breaker lot.

**VIII. Adjournment**

1. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be in order after each item on the agenda has been considered by the convention delegates.

**IX. Decorum**

1. The Chairperson may use a mute function to avoid background noises and disruptions so long as a method for individuals to be recognized is provided. A participant to the convention must not disrupt order and decorum and may be removed or muted for repeated interruptions that are out of order nor germane to the agenda.