



MINNEAPOLIS REPUBLICAN BPOU CONVENTION

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Burroughs Elementary School

1605 W. 50th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Registration opens at 9:30 AM

Registration closes 30 minutes after the convention is called to order

CONVENTION AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Convention Call
4. Election of the Temporary Chair of the Convention
5. Election of the Temporary Secretary of the Convention
6. Appointment of Chief Teller, SD Tellers, Timekeeper, and Sergeant-at-Arms by Chair
7. Appointment of Convention Committees by the Convention
8. Credentials Committee preliminary report
9. Seating of Alternates
10. Credentials Committee updated report
11. Motion to make the temporary organization permanent
12. Rules and Agenda Committee reports
13. MRP officer reports
14. Committee reports and invitation to help carry out the work of the Party
15. Nominating Committee report
16. MN House nominees address the Convention
17. Recess and convene Senate District meetings:
 - a. SD59 only: Election of SD Chair and Deputy Chair
 - b. Endorsement of MN House candidates
 - c. Election of Delegates to the State Convention
 - d. Election of Delegates to the Fifth Congressional District Convention
18. Reconvene the whole Convention
19. Draw lots to determine a single ranked list of all BPOU alternates
20. Consideration of platform and action item resolutions
21. Other business
22. Announcements
23. Adjournment

PROPOSED CONVENTION STAFF

Convention Chair Mitch Rossow
Convention Secretary Greg Smisek
Chief Teller Lincoln Towers
SD59 Meeting Teller. Ken Smoron
SD60 Meeting Teller. Rebekah Sandey
SD61 Meeting Teller. Lincoln Towers
SD62 Meeting Teller. Greg Smisek
SD63 Meeting Teller. Carleton Crawford
Timekeeper Mark Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Lindberg

PROPOSED CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Arrangements Mitch Rossow (Chair), Shawn Holster, Lincoln Towers, Joseph Phillips
Credentials Darrel Trulson (Chair), Charlie Martin
Nominations Christina Pierson (Chair), Mitch Rossow, Jim Benson
Rules and Agenda Mitch Rossow (Chair), Greg Smisek
Resolutions. Andy Lindberg (Chair), Greg Smisek

YOUR LOCAL LEADERS: MINNEAPOLIS REPUBLICAN PARTY FULL COMMITTEE

MRP Chair	Shawn Holster	612-963-1936	chair@mplsgop.org
MRP Deputy Chair	Christina Pierson		
MRP Secretary & Ward 4 Chair	Greg Smisek	651-239-8574	gsmisek@gmail.com
MRP Treasurer	Charlie Martin		
SD59 Chair (candidate)	Vanessa Rybicka		
SD60 Chair	Mary Holmberg		
SD61 Chair	Mitch Rossow		
SD62 Chair	Bob Sullentrop		
SD63 Chair	Diane Napper		
Ward 1 Chair	Jim Benson		
Ward 3 Chair	Dalia al-Aqidi		
Ward 6 Chair	Guy Gaskin		
Ward 7 Chair	Adam Schwarze		
Ward 9 Chair & SD62 Rep.	Andy Lindberg		
Ward 10 Chair	Tom Gallagher		
Ward 12 Chair	Matt Warner		
Ward 13 Chair	Barbara Lunde		

To contact other members of the Full Committee or if you have general questions, email info@mplsgop.org.

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PROPOSED CONVENTION STANDING RULES

1. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of the convention when not in conflict with these rules, the constitutions of the Minneapolis Republican Party and the Republican Party of Minnesota, and the laws of the State of Minnesota.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a) The order of business of the convention shall be as listed in the Convention agenda.
- b) The Convention Chair shall insert guest speakers into the order and may change the order of the items of business at his or her discretion to allow for a more orderly and efficient Convention.
- c) Except in the absence of a quorum, a motion to adjourn shall be out of order until all elections, endorsements, and platform and action item resolutions have been disposed of.

3. VOTING MEMBERS AND GUESTS

- a) Persons entitled to vote at the convention are the delegates and seated alternates who were elected at the 2024 precinct caucuses, who presently reside within the precinct from which they were elected, and who reside within Senate Districts 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63.
- b) For the seating of delegates and alternates, see the Minneapolis Republican Party constitution, article 4, section 2.¹ Upon the return of a previously seated delegate or the arrival of a registered delegate or a higher-ranking registered alternate, a seated alternate shall relinquish his or her seat.
- c) Guests may register at any time.

4. QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the registered voting members. In order for the convention to conduct official business, a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the delegates elected at the 2024 precinct caucuses must be registered and seated.

¹ The Credentials Committee shall seat all duly elected delegates of each precinct who are present. In the event no delegates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee shall seat elected alternates from that precinct. Vacancies shall be filled after the adoption of the preliminary Credentials Committee report as follows:

- A. Vacancies shall be filled by the Precinct Chair or, in the absence of the Precinct Chair, by the majority of delegates from that precinct or, if there is no majority decision of the delegates from that precinct or if no delegates are present, by the Credentials Committee.
- B. If the precinct had established a ranked order of the alternates, this order shall be followed in filling vacancies.
- C. If a precinct has any vacancies which cannot be filled by an alternate from the same precinct, the vacancy shall remain.

5. ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION

- a) A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, and, when recognized by the Convention Chair, state his or her name, precinct, and the purpose for rising.
- b) No delegate or seated alternate shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the body granted by unanimous consent or a two-thirds vote without debate.
- c) Debate for any question shall be limited to three speeches in favor and three against. Debate may be extended by unanimous consent or a two-thirds vote without debate.
- d) Announcements and other speech from the floor is limited to one (1) minute, unless otherwise specified.
- e) Guest speakers shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to address the body and, if applicable, answer questions.
- f) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper to enforce speaking time limits.

6. VOTING

- a) All voting for endorsements, offices, and delegate/alternate positions that are contested shall be by secret ballot; those that are uncontested shall be by rising vote.
- b) The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote.

7. BALLOTING

- a) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller.
- b) Only candidates reported out of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for endorsement.
- c) No ballot shall be valid unless it contains at least one and not more than one vote for each position to be filled. No unit rule voting shall be allowed.
- d) Ballots shall be distributed and collected by tellers for tabulation.
- e) For votes taken before the whole convention, the Chief Teller shall report to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast for each position, the number of votes needed to win (party offices and endorsements only), and the number of votes received by each candidate. For votes taken in Senate District meetings, the Senate District meeting teller shall report the same to the Senate District meeting chair. The chair then announces the results to the convention.

8. CONVENTION SENATE DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a) The election of SD59 Chair and SD59 Deputy Chair and the election of delegates and alternates shall be conducted within Senate District meetings. The endorsement of Minnesota House candidates may be conducted within Senate District meetings or before the whole convention.
- b) The members of a Senate District meeting are those registered delegates and seated alternates of the Convention who currently reside within the Senate District. The meeting chair shall be the Senate District Chair or another person elected by the members.

9. ELECTION OF SENATE DISTRICT 59 CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

- a) The Senate District 59 meeting shall first elect a Senate District Chair, then elect a Senate District Deputy Chair.
- b) The Nominating Committee shall place the names of all eligible candidates who appear before it into nomination and may make recommendations regarding the candidates. No nominations from the floor shall be allowed.
- c) Each nominee may address the Senate District meeting for five (5) minutes. The order shall be determined by lot.

10. ENDORSEMENT OF MINNESOTA HOUSE CANDIDATES

- a) Any of the endorsement proceedings may occur before the whole Convention or within a Senate District Meeting. However, only those delegates and seated alternates who reside in the House District of the candidate may vote during the endorsement proceedings.
- b) The delegates and seated alternates first determine by a majority vote whether to endorse for that office.
- c) The Nominating Committee shall place the names of all eligible candidates for Minnesota House of Representatives who appear before it into nomination for endorsement and may make recommendations regarding the candidates. No nominations from the floor shall be allowed.
- d) All nominated candidates shall have ten (10) minutes to address the body, including any demonstration of support and questions and answers.
- e) To receive endorsement, a candidate must receive sixty-percent (60%) of the vote and that 60% vote must be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the delegates and seated alternates as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee preceding such vote.
- f) Any candidate that receives less than fifteen percent (15%) of the votes on any ballot shall be dropped from the list of eligible nominees.
- g) A motion for no endorsement shall not be in order under after the third ballot.

11. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE STATE AND FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

- a) The Senate District meetings shall elect up to the following number of allotted delegates and up to double that of alternates: **SD59: 7, SD60: 7, SD61: 8, SD62: 4, SD63: 9.**
- b) Candidates for delegate/alternate must submit their name before 10:30 a.m. on the day of the convention. No nominations from the floor shall be allowed.
- c) If the nominees for delegate/alternate to the State and CD5 conventions differ, two separate elections shall be held: one for delegates and alternates to the State Convention, the other for delegates and alternates to the Fifth Congressional District (CD5) Convention. However, if the nominees are the same for both, the body may decide by majority vote to use the results of a single election for both conventions.
- d) State delegate candidates shall have up to 1 minute to address the body.
- e) The top vote-getters shall be delegates of the BPOU, up to the allotted number of delegates; the remaining vote-getters shall be ranked as alternates, up to the same allotted number.
- f) In the case of a tie for last delegate and first alternate or a tie between alternates, the rank shall be determined by drawing numbered lots.
- g) The election of CD5 delegates shall be conducted in the same manner, except that only delegates who did not address the body for the election of State delegates shall have up to 1 minute to address the body. The remaining candidates shall have 10 seconds to state their name and, if applicable, ballot number.
- h) The Senate District meeting chair shall submit the teller report and list of delegates and ranked alternates to the Convention Secretary.
- i) The Senate District Chair or other representative from each Senate District shall draw lots to determine the rank between alternates of the same rank from the five Senate Districts. The top alternates shall automatically be designated BPOU delegates if there are any unfilled delegate positions. The remaining alternates shall be numbered so that there is a single, combined ranking of all BPOU alternates.

12. RESOLUTIONS

- a) After the Resolutions Committee moves its recommendations, the recommendations shall be adopted by a single vote without debate, unless, at the demand of a single delegate or seated alternate, a resolution is separated out for consideration.
- b) Only resolutions reported out of the Resolutions Committee may be considered by the Convention.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All materials distributed at the convention by campaigns, individuals, or advocacy groups must state who paid, distributed or approved of them.
- b) No campaign materials from any organization may be affixed to the walls within the convention auditorium.
- c) No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of this convention by any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the Chair in advance. Any attendees who violate this rule may be asked to leave the convention.
- d) Turn off phones or silence them. Use your phone outside the auditorium.
- e) Attaching campaign materials to the walls is prohibited.
- f) Campaign stickers or labels are prohibited.
- g) Coffee is prohibited on the carpeted seating area in the auditorium. Water is allowed.
- h) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Sargent-at-Arms.

14. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

After the adoption of the Convention Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by a two-third (2/3) vote.

15. TRANSMITTAL OF CONVENTION RESULTS

Convention results shall be recorded and forwarded to the Fifth Congressional District Full Committee and Republican State Party headquarters no later than five (5) business days after the Convention adjourns.