

The Rules define our code of conduct for the duration of the Convention. The Rules Committee drafts a starting point and the Convention amends and approves them as part of its proceedings.

Rule 1: Order of Business

The order of business of the Convention shall be as set forth in the published agenda. Adjournment will be by 5:00 pm whether business is complete or not.

Rule 2: Parliamentary Governance

This Convention shall be governed by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Olmsted County, Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Call of this Convention, and the Rules adopted by this Convention. Any points not covered thereby shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order; Newly Revised, 11th Edition.

Rule 3: Convention Etiquette

No smoking is allowed in the Convention premises. Devices such as cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or set to vibrate. Conversations impertinent to convention business will be engaged off the convention floor. All persons in attendance will politely oblige the Chair.

Rule 4: Amendments to Rules

Once adopted, any rule shall not be amended nor suspended except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the seated delegates and alternates as established by the Credentials committee preliminary and final reports.

Rule 5: Guest Speakers

The Chair of the Convention may recognize and give the privilege of addressing the Convention for a single period of time to the following:

- A. U.S. Congressional, U.S. Senatorial, and Gubernatorial Republican incumbents and candidates or their representatives not to exceed 4 minutes each.
- B. Minnesota House and Senate Republican incumbents and candidates or their representatives not to exceed 4 minutes each.
- C. Minnesota Republican State Party Officials or their representatives not to exceed 3 minutes each.
- D. First District Republican Party Officials or their representatives not to exceed 3 minutes each.

Rule 6: Appointments

The Convention Committees, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Head Teller, Tellers, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Timer shall be appointed by the Convention Chair.

Rule 7: Seating of Delegates

- A. The permanent and voting roll of the convention shall be composed of:
 1. delegates elected at their 2018 precinct caucuses who still reside in the same precinct from which they were elected
 2. alternates elected at their 2018 precinct caucuses who still reside in the same precinct from which they were elected, taking the place of absent delegates according to Rule 8
 3. at most one representative from each affiliate organization as allowed by Article X section 4 of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Olmsted County
- B. The number of each precinct's seated delegates and alternates is limited to its number of elected delegates.
- C. Delegates and alternates shall only be seated in the precinct from which they were elected.

Rule 8: Seating of Alternate Delegates

If any delegate to this Convention is absent, then an attending alternate from that precinct shall be seated in their stead. The procedure for seating of alternates shall be as follows:

- A. (Per our Constitution) "Alternate Delegates to any convention shall be seated in the order prescribed by the precinct caucus and, if none, by lot. Delegates or Alternate Delegates may only be seated in their precinct."
- B. if a precinct has no elected delegates or alternates present, or if none were elected at the precinct caucus, there shall be no representation from that precinct
- C. a delegate may assume their seat at any time and, if applicable, unseat the alternate of lowest rank, or, in precincts without ranked alternates, the most recently seated alternate
- D. alternates who arrive after the call to fill delegations shall not replace any seated person, regardless of rank order
- E. In the event situations arise concerning the seating or election of delegates or filling of vacancies that are not covered by these rules, they shall be referred to the Credentials committee for decision, subject to appeal to the convention Chair.

Rule 9: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the registered seated delegates and alternates as established by the preliminary, and updated by the final, approved report of the Credentials Committee, and shall not be questioned again during the course of the Convention.

Rule 10: Persons Entitled to Vote

Only seated delegates and alternates shall be permitted to vote.

Rule 11: Unit Rule

No delegate shall be required to vote under a unit rule at this convention, nor shall voting by proxy be allowed.

Rule 12: Temporary Precinct Chair

Where a Precinct Chair is not in attendance, that delegation shall caucus to elect a temporary Chair for the duration of the Convention. The Precinct Chair or temporary Chair must be a delegate or seated alternate from that precinct.

Rule 13: Literature

- A. All literature not part of the Party's convention materials must include clear attribution; any such literature lacking same is to be removed from the convention.
- B. Official ballots shall be the only printed material distributed during voting. The resolutions ballot is excluded from this requirement.

Rule 14: Manner of Addressing the Convention

Any delegate wishing to speak shall address the Chair, and when recognized by the Chair, state their name, precinct, and purpose for which they wish to speak.

Rule 15: Rulings of the Chair

A point of order concerning a ruling of the Chair shall, before appeal is taken to the floor, be considered by the Parliamentarian who shall advise the Chair on the matter. The ruling of the Chair stands unless overridden by a majority vote of the delegates.

Rule 16: Debate

Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to eight (8) minutes with equal opportunities for speakers, alternating pro and con. One (1) minute will be allowed for each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time upon the same question until all others wishing to be recognized on the question have been heard, and no person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question. Participation in debate is limited to delegates and seated alternates.

Rule 17: Voting

Voting shall be by acclamation or raising of special colored voting cards, at the discretion of the Convention Chair, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by at least 5 delegates or at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. A poll by Precinct shall be taken if requested by the Chairs of 10 or more Precincts. The Chair of each Precinct shall poll their delegation via secret ballot. The Chair of the Convention shall report to the Convention the results of the vote of the individual Precincts.
- C. A paper ballot shall be used for all contested elections. A paper ballot on any other issue may also be moved by any delegate and voted upon.
- D. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any Precinct by a seated delegate in such Precinct on any matter, the Convention Chair shall appoint a judge and two (2) tellers to canvass the vote of said Precinct and the judge shall report the same to the Chair who shall announce it to the Convention.
- E. Except where otherwise specified in these rules, the vote required to adopt motions and take other action shall be a majority vote of those delegates and seated alternates actually voting on the issue.
- F. The number of votes cast by any Precinct shall not exceed the number of its delegates and seated alternates present on the floor, or assisting convention business elsewhere, at the time the vote is taken.

Rule 18: Election of Delegates/Alternates to District and State Conventions

- A. Nominations and elections for Delegates and Alternates will be made by legislative district in a single vote for each district. For our four house districts, there will be four elections. All ties requiring ranking will be determined by lot.
- B. For each election:
 1. The list of nominees will start with the Nominating Committee's slate.
 2. The list will be supplemented with nominees from the convention:
 - a. Nominators must be delegates or seated alternates.
 - b. Nominees must reside in the legislative district for which they are nominated and be present (though not necessarily seated) at this convention or have presented a written note of their interest and willingness to serve.
 - c. Nominators may only nominate one person each time they are recognized.
 3. Voters must vote for at least one half (1/2) but not more than one and one half (1 1/2) the number of candidates that match the legislative district's Delegate allocation. In case of odd number Delegate allocations, the valid vote range will be rounded to the next highest number. If the total number of nominees is less than this maximum, the maximum will be the number of nominees. Ballots with less or more than these limits will be considered invalid.
- C. Nominees receiving the most votes up to the District's allocation will be elected Delegates.

- D. A tie of candidates for final delegate positions will be broken by selecting lots. Once the allotted delegate positions are filled, those remaining nominees will become alternates ranked by lots (Alternate #1, #2, etc.)
- E. Delegate candidates failing to be elected as delegates will become alternates ranked (following the alternates ranked by rule D above) by the votes received. Ranking for ties will be done by lots.
- F. The number of alternates elected for each legislative district will be limited to two (2) times the district's number of allocated delegates.
- G. Candidates receiving no votes will not become delegates or alternates, even if the number elected is less than the allocation.
- H. Delegates and alternates shall first be seated within the legislative district from which they were elected and in the order prescribed. (Per our Constitution) "Alternate delegates to the District or State Conventions shall be seated in the order prescribed by the County Convention and, if none, by lot. Alternate delegates may be seated in any vacancy in the County delegation in a manner determined by lot. Any alternate delegate from the district may claim his seat at any time during the Convention from an alternate delegate seated outside his own district."

Rule 19: Resolutions

- A. No resolution will be submitted to the Convention by the Resolutions Committee that is already substantially a part of the standing platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota.
- B. Only resolutions adopted at the February 6, 2018 Precinct Caucuses will be considered by the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee may combine similar resolutions and make editorial corrections as appropriate without changing the intent of the resolutions.
- C. The Resolutions Committee will create a paper ballot listing all forwarded resolutions to be considered by convention delegates and seated alternates. The ballots will be distributed to all delegates and seated alternates at a time selected by the Resolutions Committee. Completed ballots will be collected by the tellers and tallied later. Resolutions will be considered adopted by the convention only if they receive more than 50% approval of those voting on that resolution.
- D. The results of the ballot vote will be published on the Republicans of Olmsted County web site by March 24, 2018.