

Rules Committee Report

61st Senate District Republican Convention

March 19, 2022, 10 a.m. - Burroughs Elementary School, 1605 W. 50th Street, Minneapolis, MN.

1. PROCEDURE: “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern the conduct of the convention when not in conflict with these rules, the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota and the Constitution of Republican Senate District 61.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business of the convention shall be as listed in the Convention’s Agenda.

3. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE: Persons entitled to vote at the convention are the duly elected delegates or their seated alternates who were elected at the 2022 precinct caucuses of precincts or parts of precincts within the newly designated Senate District 61, who presently reside within the precinct from which they were elected, and reside in the newly designated Senate District 61.

4 FILLING OF VACANCIES:

A. After the adoption of this rule (4) of the Rules Committee report and the Preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, the precinct chairs shall fill the vacancies in the precinct delegations from the alternates elected from that specific precinct or part of a precinct as follows:

a. From the duly elected alternates of the precinct in the order, if any, designated by the 2022 precinct caucus.

b. Where no ranking of alternates has been established by the precinct caucus, the precinct chair shall designate the alternate(s) to be seated from the list of alternates elected at the 2022 precinct caucus.

c. If the precinct chair(s) are not seated or are not present, then the majority of the delegates present will seat the alternates as described in a. or b. above.

d. If there is not a majority opinion of the registered delegates as to which alternates are to be seated or if no delegates are present, the convention Credentials Committee shall fill any vacancy.

B. There shall be no cross seating of alternates.

C. Upon the return of a previously seated delegate or the arrival of a properly registered delegate or a higher –ranking registered alternate, the seated alternate shall relinquish their seat.

D. If the precinct chair is not seated or is not present, then a Temporary Precinct Chair may be elected by a majority of the registered delegates from that precinct for the duration of this convention. The Temporary Chair shall not seat alternate delegates.

E. Delegates and alternates registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and will remain open until 30 minutes after the Convention is called to order. Guests may register at any time.

F. Delegates and alternates that arrive after the final Credentials Committee report may register. They may also be added to the final Credentials Committee

report at the discretion of a majority vote of the convention. If added to the final Credentials Committee report, delegates will take their position and alternates will be seated as described in A. above.

5. QUORUM: A quorum shall consist of a numerical majority of the total number of registered delegates as established by the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee. In order for the convention to conduct official business, a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total elected delegates, from the 2022 precinct caucuses, must be registered and seated at the convention. Once a quorum has been established, a call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. However, no action except adjournment shall be transacted by the convention without at least two thirds (2/3) of the registered delegates and seated alternates present, as established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.

6. ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION:

A. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the convention chair and when recognized by the convention chair, state his/her name, precinct and their purpose of speaking.

B. All speeches, unless otherwise specified, shall be limited to thirty (30) seconds. No delegate or seated alternate may speak more than twice (2) on the same subject.

C. Discussion of proposed issues shall be further governed by the following rule:

a. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue, followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue.

b. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one speaker in favor of the issue, followed by one speaker opposed to the issue.

c. Discussion of an issue will be limited to three delegates speaking in support of and three speaking in opposition to the issue.

d. The motion to Move the Previous Question shall not be in order until discussion of the issue has been completed.

D. Guests speakers will be allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes to address and/or answer questions at the convention.

E. The convention chair or Time Keeper is directed to strictly enforce all speaking related time limits.

7. VOTING:

A. All voting for contested positions shall be by secret written ballot unless otherwise specified in these rules.

B. The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote. If the convention chair is in doubt on a voice vote, the chair may order a standing vote.

C. If the convention chair is in doubt as to the result of a standing vote, the chair may order a polling of the precincts, whose votes shall be reported by the respective precinct chairs to the Chief Teller for tabulation.

D. No unit voting shall be allowed.

E. No ballot shall be valid unless it contains at least one and not more than one vote for each position to be filled.

F. Only names of delegates placed in nomination shall be permitted on ballots.

Any ballots containing names which have not been placed into nomination shall be deemed invalid and not be tabulated.

8. BALLOTING:

A. The ballots cast by each precinct shall be collected by the precinct chair or Tellers and given to the Chief Teller for tabulation. Tellers must verify the number of ballots cast by each precinct before the ballots are commingled for tabulation

B. The Chief Teller shall report to the convention chair the total number of votes cast for each position and the amount of votes received by each candidate. The convention chair shall announce the results to the convention.

C. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any precinct, a challenge must be made before the ballots from the precinct are commingled for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the convention chair shall appoint two Special Tellers to count the ballots cast by the precinct. The precinct will be required to vote again only if there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted to that precinct.

D. In the case of a tied vote for Delegate(s) and/or Alternate(s) positions, the final result of the election will be determined by drawing numbered lots.

9. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS:

A. The Senate District 61 officers as listed in the Senate District 61 Constitution shall be elected by the convention.

B. Each officer position shall be elected on a separate ballot.

C. The Nominations Committee must place in nomination all the names for each office that appeared before the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee may state who they believe is qualified and who is not qualified for the office.

D. Only the names of those persons nominated for each office shall be on the ballot. Any ballot containing more than or fewer names than those persons nominated shall be invalid and shall not be counted. Blank ballots shall not be counted

E. Upon the close of nominations for each BPOU office position, nominating and candidates speeches for each separate position shall be determined by lot and shall not exceed two minutes for each candidate. If there is only one candidate for any BPOU officer position, there shall be no nominating speeches for that position and the nominee shall be voted on by acclamation.

F. If there are officer positions that must be elected by House Legislative Districts, the Convention will recess to permit those officer positions to be elected. Legislative District officer positions elections will follow rules 9B through 9E as stated above.

10. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION:

A. The Nominations Committee shall present its recommendations to the Convention. The Committee must place in nomination all the names of candidates that met with the Committee, but the Committee may also state who they think is qualified and who is not qualified.

B. After the Nominations Committee's report, nominees will be allowed to

address the assembly in the order in which they were nominated for up to thirty (30) seconds.

C. The nine (9) nominees for the Fifth Congressional District Convention receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected delegates and the nine (9) nominees receiving the next largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected first alternates and the next nine (9) nominees receiving the next largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected second alternates.

D. If there is a tie vote for delegate or alternate, it will be settled by a drawing of numbers. The person drawing the lowest number will break the tie and win the tied position and the person who lost will drop to the next position on the delegate or alternate list unless the tie is for the last place for delegates or for first alternates. In the case of a last place tied delegate position, the person with the lowest number will be the delegate and the person who lost will become the first alternate on the first alternate list. The same process will be used for a tie for the position of last place first alternate and last place second alternate.

E. The delegates and seated alternates shall vote for nine (9) nominees for the Fifth Congressional District Convention and, later, for nine (9) nominees for the State

Convention. Any ballot containing more than or fewer names than nine (9) nominees shall be invalid and shall not be counted. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

11. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE STATE

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: After the election of delegates and alternates to the Fifth Congressional District Convention, the Nominating Committee shall present its nominations for delegates and alternates to the State Convention. The convention shall follow the same process to elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention as was done to elect delegates and alternates to the 5th Congressional District Convention as described in (10-A through 10 E) above.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

A. All resolutions passed by the precinct caucuses held in 2022 shall have been presented to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. Those resolutions should have been in a written form as provided by the State Republican Party.

B. No resolutions may be offered from the floor of the convention except by suspension of these rules.

C. Minority report(s) of the Resolutions Committee may be presented to the convention.

D. Each proposed resolution will be read by the Chair. Discussion will proceed according to Rule 6C.

E. Discussion on any one resolution shall not exceed 5 minutes.

13. ENDORSEMENT OF STATE SENATE AND STATE HOUSE CANDIDATES:

A. Delegates and seated alternates will be seated according to the House District (61A or 61B) for which they represent.

B. All delegates and seated alternates will vote on the endorsement of a State Senate candidate. The State Senate candidate endorsement will occur first.

C. Only those delegates and seated alternates in State House District 61A will

vote on the endorsement of a candidate from that District and only delegates and seated alternates in State House District 61B will vote on the endorsement of a candidate from that District. The State House District for 61A will follow the State Senate District endorsement and State House District for 61B will occur last.

D. Rules to endorse Legislative candidates are as follows;

a. The delegates and seated alternates in a Legislative District seeking to endorse a candidate for the Legislature will first vote to determine if they want to endorse a candidate. The motion to endorse a candidate must be passed by a majority vote.

b. If the motion to endorse passes, the Nominations Committee shall make its report to the delegates and seated alternates in that Legislative District.

c. All nominated candidates shall have four (4) minutes to address the convention and two (2) minutes to answer questions.

d. If there is only one (1) candidate for a particular legislative seat, voting shall be by acclamation.

e. To be endorsed, a candidate must receive sixty-percent (60%) or more vote and such vote shall be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered delegates and seated alternates in the Legislative District as established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.

f. Any candidate who receives less than fifteen percent (15%) of the votes on any ballot shall be taken off the next ballot.

g. If there is no candidate with sixty-percent (60%) of the votes after five (5) ballots, then the Legislative District shall not endorse.

14. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. After the adoption of the Convention Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3's) of the Delegated and Seated Alternates, as established by the Final Credentials Report.

B. All materials distributed at the convention by campaigns, individuals, or advocacy groups must state who paid, distributed or approved of them.

15. TRANSMISSION OF ELECTION RESULTS: The names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of all persons elected as delegates and alternates to the Fifth Congressional District Convention and the State Convention shall be forwarded no later than five (5) business days after the BPOU convention to the Fifth Congressional District and the Republican Party of Minnesota's office.

**SENATE DISTRICT 61
REPUBLICAN BPOU CONVENTION
AGENDA - March 19, 2022**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Official Call to the Convention
4. Election of Temporary Chair of the convention
5. Election of Temporary Secretary of the convention
6. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Chief Teller, Tellers, Time Keeper
7. Appointment of Convention Committees - Credentials, Rules, Nominations, Constitution, and Resolutions
8. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
9. Approval of the Rules Committee, Section 4. Filling of Vacancies
10. Filling of Vacancies in the Delegations
(seating of alternates)
11. Final report of the Credentials Committee
12. Motion to make the temporary Organization Permanent
13. Approval of the remaining Rules Committee Report
14. Approval of the Constitution Committee Report
15. Nominating Committee Report - Election of BPOU Officers
16. Nominating Committee Report - Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Fifth District Congressional Convention
17. Nominating Committee Report - Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention
18. Resolutions Committee Report *
19. Endorsement of Candidates to the State Legislature
20. Announcements and Introductions of Guests **
21. Other Business
22. Adjournment

* Resolutions may be considered at any time during the convention at the discretion of the convention chair.

** Announcements and introduction of guests may take place throughout the convention at the discretion of the convention chair.