

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023 HOUSE DISTRICT 66A REPUBLICAN CONVENTION RULES

1) PRECEDENCE OF RULES:

The Convention shall be governed in order of precedence by:

- a) The Constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota
- b) The Constitutions and Bylaws of the Republican Party and the Republican Party of Minnesota
- c) The Constitution and Bylaws of the MN GOP 4th District
- d) The Constitutions and Bylaws of the House District 66A Republican Party of Minnesota
- e) The Official Call of the Convention
- f) These Convention Rules as Adopted
- g) Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, which shall serve as the Parliamentary Authority for the Convention

2) AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF RULES:

After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the registered and seated delegates/alternates as determined by the most current report of the Credentials Committee, and as applicable to HD66A.

3) ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The order of business shall be as outlined on the official Agenda presented, reviewed and adopted on the day of the Convention.

4) ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION:

- a) A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, and be recognized by the Chair. After recognition, the delegate shall state their name, precinct, and purpose for which they rise.
- b) The debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minutes to each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice to the same motion or subject.
- c) Three (3) speakers on each side of a question shall be allowed to speak before a 'call for the question' is in order.
- d) The Convention Chair, at their discretion, may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers, invited guests, state candidates and others the privilege of addressing the Convention for a period of up to four (4) minutes, including a question/answer period.

5) PERMANENT ROLL, CONVENTION ROLL, QUORUM AND SEATING:

- a) The Permanent Roll and Convention Roll are defined as follows:
- b) The Permanent Roll of this Convention consists of those delegates and alternates elected in their respective precinct at the Republican precinct caucus held on February 1, 2022, and who presently reside within the political boundaries of the precinct from which they were elected.
- c) The Convention Roll consists of those elected delegates and alternates from the Permanent Roll who are duly registered at this Convention.
- d) Delegate and alternate registration will begin at 7:00PM and close at 8:00PM.
- e) The quorum for conducting the business of the convention shall be 50% of the total number of registered delegates and seated alternates as determined by the last report of the Credentials Committee. The minimum number of delegates and seated alternates required to establish the voting strength of the convention shall not be less than 10% of the total number of delegates on the convention roll.
- f) Seating of delegates and alternates is governed as follows:
 - i) The highest ranking Precinct Officer present shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate count of seated delegates and alternates, and for managing the seating of alternates, throughout the Convention.
 - ii) Delegates shall be seated in the Senate District precinct from which they were duly elected.
 - iii) Alternates shall be seated in the order of their rank; it is permissible to seat an Alternate at any time to replace an absent Delegate or previously seated Alternate. There shall be no cross seating of Alternates.
 - iv) 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.
 - v) Non-seated alternates and guests shall be seated in the sections provided.
- g) Convention shall adjourn no later than 9:30PM.

6) VOTING, GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- a) Each delegate and seated alternate shall have one full vote. No voting by proxy or unit rule voting.
- b) Voting methods:
 - i) Candidate endorsements shall be by written secret ballot, unless unopposed and endorsed by acclamation (will not be done at this convention)
 - ii) Delegate and alternate elections shall be by a single written secret ballot.
 - iii) For all other questions or motions, the voting method shall be by voice except when:
 - (1) A secret written ballot is requested by the Chair, or
 - (2) A rising vote (“division”) is requested by the Chair or any delegate or seated alternate.
- c) The Convention Chair may order a polling of the precincts if there is doubt as to the results of a voice vote. The voting results shall be reported by the respective precinct officer.

7) NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF HOUSE DISTRICT OFFICERS

- a) Nominations will be accepted for vacated BPOU officer positions at the convention.
- b) All persons nominated may be required to appear before the nomination committee prior to election at the 66A Convention
- c) Officer candidate speeches are limited to two (2) minutes for each candidate. Voting will take place immediately following candidate speeches for each elected position.
- d) Nominations made for Officer positions not present on the date of this convention must make their intentions known in writing and be signed by the nominee. Such written letters of intent must be presented to one of the BPOU officers prior to the close of nominations.
- e) Officer position ballots for Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary must only contain one (1) candidate name. The name must be from the list of nominees. Any ballot not meeting these requirements shall be invalid.
- f) Vice Chair Officer position ballots can contain up to five (5) candidate names. No name can be listed more than once. The names must be from the list of nominees. Any ballot not meeting these requirements shall be invalid.
 - i) The five (5) Vice Chair Candidates in HD66A receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Vice Chair. In the event there is a tie for the 5th Vice Chair position, the tie shall be broken with the flip of a coin or by secret ballot vote for the two or more candidates tied for the 5th Vice Chair Officer position.

8) ELECTION OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR STATE CENTRAL

- a) An election shall be held, by House District, for State Central Delegate and Alternate positions, with each delegate and seated alternate entitled to vote. For the 2023 and 2024 State Central meetings the numbers allocated to HD66A are 1-Delegates and up to 3-Alternates.
- c) Nominations shall be from the floor. Self nominations are allowed. Every candidate for Delegate may address the voting body for up to two (2) minutes.
- d) Nominations made for State Central Delegate or Alternate not present on the date of this convention must make their intentions known in writing and be signed by the nominee. Such written letters of intent must be presented to one of the BPOU officers prior to the close of nominations.
- e) HD66A delegate/alternate ballots must have candidate names. No name can be listed more than once. The names must be from the list of nominees. Any ballot not meeting these requirements shall be invalid.
- f) A single election shall be held for State Central Delegate and Alternate positions.
- g) The person in HD66A receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Delegate. In the event there is a tie for delegate position, the tie shall be broken with the flip of a coin. The winner of the toss becomes the delegate, and the loser of the toss becomes the first alternate.
- h) Unelected Delegate candidates receiving at least one vote shall become ranked Alternates in the order of votes received until there are 3 Alternates. Ties for any Alternate positions shall be broken by the flip of a coin or by secret ballot vote for the two or more candidates to determine the Alternate’s final ranking.

9) DISTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN AND AFFILIATE MATERIALS:

- a) There shall be no candidate or elected office holder signs within 20 feet of the primary speaking podium. No more than 4 signs per candidate or organization in the room. No signs permitted on the wall behind the microphone/speaker’s lectern. All signs must be 18x24 or smaller.
- b) All materials distributed at the convention must contain the name of the individual or group responsible for generating and distributing said materials