

## **1. RULES OF ORDER**

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, as well as the official call of this convention and the rules adopted by this convention.

## **2. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business for this convention shall be as specified in the Convention Agenda or by the discretion of the Convention Chairperson. The Convention Chairperson, at his or her discretion, can change the order to the Convention Agenda in order to meet time constraints. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the convention floor excluding agenda item titled other business.

## **3. SEATING OF DELEGATES**

- a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates from precincts within House District 51A elected February 25th, 2020 at the precinct caucuses to the BPOU Convention. Only those delegates are eligible to be seated which allows them the privilege to vote and speak on business before the convention. If a duly elected delegate is not properly registered then they shall not be allowed to be seated at the convention. To be properly registered the delegate must be present at the remote endorsement convention prior to the preliminary credentials report.
- b. No unregistered delegate may be seated at any time during the convention.
- c. Once a delegate has registered for the convention, they remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.

## **4. QUORUM**

- a. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (30%) of the total number of delegates elected from precincts within House District 51A at the February 25th, 2020 precinct caucuses.
- b. Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order.

## **5. VOTING**

- a. The vote on all questions shall be considered a rising vote by voting yea or nay.
- b. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.
- c. The convention may decide by a two-thirds vote to endorse by a rising vote for any office for which there is only one candidate, without opposition. Any other endorsement is to be ruled out of order.
- d. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
- e. The Convention Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.
- f. Only persons who are delegates to this convention shall be permitted to vote.
- g. The convention Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.
- h. Voting will proceed until the Chairperson rules balloting closed.
- i. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Search/Nominations committee.

## **6. DEBATE**

- a. Debate on any general issue or motion shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question and the total debate is limited to a maximum of six (6) minutes. The chairperson will call on Pro and Con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises the debate will end.

## **7. ADDRESSES TO THE CONVENTION**

- a. The convention Chairperson at any time may invite any office holder or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes, with the exception of state and federal office holders representing all or part of this BPOU, which shall be limited to seven (7) minutes.
- b. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

## **8. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION**

- a. After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 affirmation vote of the convention.

## **9. ENDORSEMENT**

- a. A motion to endorse is only in order if it is an uncontested endorsement and was listed on the convention call.
- b. If the motion to endorse is made in order then it must pass with a majority vote.
- c. The Search/Nominations Committee will meet prior to the convention to meet with candidates wishing to be endorsed. A candidate must be willing to run as a Republican in order to be recommended a Republican candidate.
- d. Candidates for endorsement will be placed into nomination by the Search/Nominations Committee.
- f. Nominating speeches, seconding speeches and the candidate speech combined cannot exceed seven (7) minutes.
- g. Only those delegates in the applicable precincts will be allowed to vote on endorsement questions.
- h. The endorsement shall only be voted on in compliance with rule 5 c.

## **10. Decorum**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.