

Agenda

2026 RPOC Convention

- I. Call to Order 10:00 AM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Reading of the Convention Call
- V. Election of Temporary Chair of the Convention
- VI. Election of Temporary Secretary of the Convention
- VII. Motion authorizing Temporary Chair to appoint Parliamentarian and Tellers
- VIII. Motion authorizing Temporary Chair to appoint the following committees:
Credentials (Chair—David Sovinski), Rules (Chair—Aaron Eberhart), Nominations (Co-Chairs—
Malachi McNeilus & Casey McGregor), Resolutions (Chair, Jim Schumann)
- IX. First Credentials Report
- X. Motion to adopt proposed Rules 8-13 (Seating of Alternates)
- XI. Seating of Alternates
- XII. Motion to make Temporary Organization Permanent
- XIII. Rules Committee Report to Pass the Balance of the Rules
- XIV. Constitutional Committee Report
- XV. Nominations Committee Report
- XVI. Motion to Consider Election of State & CD1 Delegates & Alternates:
 - a. Credentials Report Declaring of the Number of Ballots distributed to each of the five House District Leaders
 - b. Review of Procedure for Delegates Arriving
 - c. HD Chairs receive a Credentials List for their HD
 - d. Appointment of additional Tellers
- XVII. Referral for Election of CD1 & State Convention Delegates & Candidate Speeches into Five House Districts
 - a. House District: 24A – Gym (Bill Kuisle)
 - b. House District: 24B – Gym (Becky Sprenger)
 - c. House District: 25B – Auditorium (Aaron Eberhart)
 - d. House District: 25A – Auditorium (Casey McGregor)
 - e. House District: 20B – Cafeteria (Jim Schumann)
- XVIII. Rules Report on Resolutions
- XIX. Final Credentials Committee Report upon closure of registration at 12:00
- XX. Resolutions Report upon review of Resolutions Table Voting Results
- XXI. Motion for Considerations of Resolutions Referred for Full Committee Discussion
- XXII. RPOC Chair Remarks
- XXIII. Other Business

XXIV. Adjourn

- Guest Speakers will be recognized at the discretion of the chair throughout the convention as time allows.
- Convention Registration closes at 12:00 PM or with the approval of the Rules, whichever comes later.

CONVENTION RULES

Parliamentary Rules

1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of the business of this Convention when not in conflict with the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Republican Party, the Call of this Convention, and Rules & Agenda as adopted by this Convention.

Order of Business

2. The order of business for this Convention shall be as outlined in the official Agenda of the Convention which is an integral part of these Rules.
3. A motion to adjourn or recess the Convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been considered on the Convention floor.

Registration

4. Convention registration opens at 9:00 AM. The Convention shall convene at 10:00 AM. Convention registration shall close no later than 12:00 PM.
5. The Convention is a private gathering. All representatives of any form of media must register (free of charge) and be properly credentialed by the Credentials Committee. The media includes anyone who is recording or live streaming all or parts of the Convention by any means. Only mainstream established media, official Republican Party officers, staff and candidate committees will be allowed. So called "trackers", the Democratic Party, other party units and its affiliates, and pseudo party "recorders", etc. will not be credentialed or allowed. The Chair will settle any disputes regarding what is considered "established media."

Convention Roll and Quorum

6. The permanent roll of the Delegates entitled to speak and vote at this Convention shall consist of the duly elected Delegates and Alternates by the February 3, 2026 Precinct Caucuses who shall be registered and seated in accordance with these Rules.
7. The 2026 RPOC Convention shall be composed of the registered delegates and alternates elected by the February 3, 2026 Precinct Caucuses. Attendees must be elected from Precinct Caucuses in Olmsted County.
8. The House District Sub-Committees shall be composed of the registered delegates and alternates elected by the February 3, 2026 Precinct Caucuses. Attendees must be elected from Precinct Caucuses in each House District respectively.
9. 15% of the total number of elected Delegates at February 3, 2026 Precinct Caucuses shall constitute a quorum to convene the Convention. No action except adjournment shall be transacted by the Convention without an affirmative vote of 25% of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the most recent report of the Credentials Committee.

Seating of Alternates

10. The Credentials Committee shall seat only duly elected Delegates of each precinct by the February 3, 2026 Precinct Caucuses before seating of Alternates. In the event no Delegates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee shall seat all accredited Alternates from the precinct after the first credentials report.
11. The precincts shall caucus after acceptance of the first report of the Credentials Committee. The Convention shall then proceed to the seating of the Alternates, which shall be accomplished as follows: Unless the precinct caucus specifies the seating of Alternates to fill delegations in another manner (Ex: rank order determined at 2026 precinct caucus), the seated Delegates of each precinct shall fill all vacancies by the vote of the seated Delegates and only from accredited Alternates from that precinct. In case of a tie, the Precinct Chair(s) shall appoint one of those who are tied to fill that particular vacancy. If the precinct chair is not present, then the Vice Chair shall serve as chair. If neither are present, then the remaining Delegates and seated Alternates will elect a person to serve in that capacity. The precinct shall have up to 5 minutes to decide seating.
12. In the event questions arise concerning the seating of Delegates or Alternates, the question may be referred to the Credentials Committee for decision. Decisions of the Credentials Committee may be appealed to the Convention.

13. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist if at the time of the Convention such Delegate or Alternate does not reside within the precinct from which they were elected, was elected by a precinct in which they no longer reside, or has resigned their Delegate or Alternate position.
14. Seating of registered Alternates shall be permissible at any time, if a Delegate or seated Alternate is absent, provided that upon return of the Delegate, the Delegate shall be immediately seated. However, at the start of any ballot, there shall be no change in seating until that ballot has been completed.
15. There shall be no cross-seating; a Delegate or Alternate from one precinct cannot be seated in a different precinct.

Amendment or Suspension

16. After adoption of these Rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates and seated Alternates present and voting.

Addressing the Convention

17. The permanent roll of the Delegates entitled to speak and vote at this Convention shall consist of the duly elected Delegates who are registered and such Alternates who are registered and seated in accordance with these Rules. In addition, candidates for Election are allowed to speak during the Election Process in House Districts. Their supporters may speak during the “speech” portion of the Election Process.
18. Convention and Standing Committee Chairs and/or Members are entitled to speak during their Committee’s presentation and discussion.
19. A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, state his or her name and precinct and the purpose for which he or she rises.
20. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each Speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time upon the same question until all others wishing to be recognized have been heard, except for the author of the motion, who should be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject. A point of clarification or information shall not count as a speaking opportunity.
21. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on an issue before a call for the question or motion to effectively table (i.e. table, Postpone Indefinitely, Commit or Refer, etc.) shall be in order. After six (6) minutes of elapsed debate, the Chair may call for the vote. If there are fewer than two speakers for

a side of the question, and no speakers come forward when the Chair makes a final call, the Chair may call the question early.

22. Anyone wishing to address the Convention shall inform the Chair of their desire to speak. The Chair, at a time of his/her discretion, shall allow the speaker to address the Convention.
23. The Convention Chair or designees shall keep an accurate record of each speaker's time and shall rigorously enforce any time limitations.
24. Those recognized will be allowed to address the Convention for 3-5 minutes; surrogates for major candidates will have no more than 3 minutes.

Resolutions paper balloting

25. Voting on Resolutions will be by balloting at a table with colored paper ballot slips: yes (pass), no (fail), or discussion. Unless there strong voting in favor of discussion or no clear winner of pass or fail regarding the resolution, voting at the table will be the final determination of the matter.
 - Green—Pass
 - Red—Fail
 - Yellow—Needs Discussion by the Entire Body
26. Voting on Resolutions will close no earlier than the end of the Noon recess for lunch.
27. Voting ballots for Resolutions will be organized by tri-color balloting in a mason jar. Each proposed Resolution qualified by the Committee will have a mason jar to receive one ballot of the choice of three colors: *green--pass*, *red--fail*, and *yellow--needs discussion*.
28. The procedure of counting ballots for determination of the matter or of the need for discussion will be conducted as follows:
 - where approximately 40% of votes or more are green for discussion, the matter will be added to items for consideration
 - where there a plurality of yes (green) or no (red/pink) on an item and less than 25% of the votes are green-for-discussion: the matter is resolved by a clear plurality of either yes or no votes
29. Resolutions are reasonably and fairly synthesized together with others of similar substance to facilitate expeditious consideration of them.
30. Resolutions that conflict with State or Federal Statutes or Constitutions, other than proposed constitutional amendments, are not qualified to advance.

See Rules # 48 et seq, below, regarding the procedure for determining resolutions via

plenary discussion, which will apply to those not determined at the Resolutions Table.

Delegate & Alternate Elections to CD1 & State Conventions

31. Prior to the start of the Delegate Election Process, the Convention will determine by majority vote if the Convention will consider electing candidates for CD1 & State Delegate.
32. The Nominations Committee will announce all candidates each House District, by the respective number of delegates to be apportioned for that House District, from the County's Delegation, according with the Constitution of RPOC. race that met with the Nominations Committee. There shall be nominations from the floor once the Sub-Committees have divided to their respective rooms for speeches and voting.
33. The order of nominating, seconding and candidate speeches for each office will be by lot and candidate speeches will immediately follow his or her nominating and seconding speeches.
34. Candidates have a total of 1 minute for their candidate speeches. No seconding shall be required.

General Rules of Voting

35. There shall be no voting under the unit rule or by proxy at this Convention.
36. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and with a voting card and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
37. The vote on all questions shall be by acclamation subject to the following restrictions:
 - A rising vote shall be taken if requested by five (5) delegates, or at the discretion of the Chair.
 - Voting for Delegates/Alternates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections.
38. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the Convention.
39. Voting for delegates and alternates for the CD1 and State Conventions will be done by sub-committee composed of the delegates and seated alternates of
40. Voting for CD1 & State Delegates and Alternates shall be by secret paper ballot
41. Resolutions will only be considered if they were presented and passed on Caucus night, and

were passed out of the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions will not be considered from the floor.

42. During the Referral to HD Sub-Committees for election of Delegates and Alternates to CD1 and State Conventions:

- There shall be the election of a Secretary to make an official record of the names of nominees
- The HD Leader or Teller(s) shall collect the ballots cast. If none are present, the remaining Delegates and seated Alternates will elect a person to serve in that capacity.

43. The Chief Teller shall verify the number of ballots cast by a delegation and the Convention Chair shall announce any discrepancies.

44. The Chief Teller shall report back to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast for each candidate and the Convention Chair shall announce the results to the Convention.

45. No Delegate or seated Alternate shall be required to vote for any number of candidates.

46. Tellers will report the blank, abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ballots cast for an ineligible person or fictional character, unintelligible votes, or votes for an ineligible person or fictional character.

47. Ballots cast with more than the maximum number of votes on the ballot are disqualified.

48. Ballots can include fewer than the maximum number of candidates.

49. Ballots will be destroyed after the close of the Convention.

Resolutions by Plenary Determination

50. Platform Resolutions not finally determined by the table voting (by either the lack of a clear plural majority of “yes,” green, or “no,” red/pink, ballots cast on the issue OR by observably more than 35% of the votes being cast being are to be determined by full committee vote of the entire body.

51. The Resolutions Committee Membership will state or introduce the matter and vote will be by acclamation unless 12 Delegates or seated Alternates with voting cards stand to have paper ballots distributed for final determination of the issue.

Miscellaneous

52. All literature distributed at the Convention must have its source(s) prominently displayed.

53. All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed. The Convention Chair determines compliance.
 54. Removal of literature following the Convention, other than official Convention documents, is the responsibility of the source(s). RPOC may recover reasonable clean-up costs.
 55. Any person, campaign, or organization found to have violated the venue property owner's policies shall be liable for associated fines, fees, and damages.
 56. Each candidate shall be allowed observers for each person or pairs of persons counting the ballots. Ex: If there are 6 total people counting in pairs of 2, each candidate shall be allowed up to 3 observers.
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Robert's Rules Reminders:

- All debate, amendments, or procedural points must be germane to the business under consideration. Germane simply means that whatever is being said must be relevant. In other words, free association, streams of consciousness, spontaneous inspiration or revelations are usually not germane. There should be a logical connection between all statements and/or actions, and what is going on.
- There is no such thing as a friendly amendment. Once a matter is before the group, it is the property of the Convention, and no one or two people, not even the maker and the seconder of the motion, may change it without going through the amendment process.
- Once a committee makes a report and motion, it belongs to the group not the committee. All matters on interpretation of rules or motions (once passed) are made by the Convention Chair and may be appealed to the Convention.
- Everyone (Committee Chairs, Executive committee members, elected officials, the person submitting a resolution or motion, etc...) is treated the same as any other Convention members during the debate. They are governed by the same rules limiting both time and amount of debate.
- How to End Debate: "Call for the Previous Question" — This will close debate on a pending question and require immediate vote by the group on whether to close debate. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required.
- Debate cannot begin until the Chair has stated the motion or resolution and asked "are you ready for the question?" If no one rises, the chair calls for the vote!
- Before the motion is stated by the Chair (the question) members may suggest

modification of the motion; the mover can modify as he pleases, or even withdraw the motion without consent of the seconder; if mover modifies, the seconder can withdraw the second.

Common Terms

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order.
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. It must be raised immediately after the error is made. It must state what specific rule(s) was violated.