

2023 CONVENTION

RULES

Section 1: GENERAL

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Convention Call of the Convention, or the Rules adopted by this Convention.
2. The order of business of this convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the convention, subject to the discretion of the presiding Chair.
3. A motion to adjourn shall be debatable until the completion of the official business of the Convention, as stated in the agenda.
4. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) percent of the total number of delegates elected at the precinct caucuses within the district. Once established, it shall prevail until adjournment of the convention.
5. These rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the convention.
6. 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 all or parts of the convention by any electronic means. Only mainstream established media, official Republican Party or candidates will be allowed. So called "trackers", DFL party and pseudo party "recorders", bloggers, etc. will not be credentialed or allowed.
7. Mobile devices shall be turned off or set to silent mode. Any individuals or items determined by the Chair to be a disruption may be removed from the Convention floor at the sole discretion of the Convention Chair.

Section 2: SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

8. 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 shall be registered and seated in accordance with these Rules.
9. In the absence of any delegate to the Convention, an alternate shall be seated, only during that delegate's absence from the floor. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the convention, they shall be immediately seated, with the exception that there will be no change in seating while a ballot vote is in progress.
10. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows: a) If alternates were ranked by the precinct caucus, alternates shall be seated in order of ranking. b) If alternates are not ranked, each vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of seated delegates of that precinct. c) If no delegates are present and seated, the Executive Committee Chair shall fill the vacancy.
11. There shall be no cross-seating between precincts.
12. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present on the floor.
13. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to election of officers, election of delegates, voting on the Blue Earth County Constitution or any time requested by the Convention Chair.

Section 3: SPEAKING

14. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, state his/her name and precinct, and state the purpose for which he/she rises.

15. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so. Total debate on any motion or subject is limited to six (6) minutes, including not more than three (3) minutes pro and three (3) minutes con.
16. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.
17. No speaker shall advocate on behalf of any candidate being voted on by the Convention, except during the times provided herein by rule 18.
18. Nominating, seconding, and candidate speeches shall not exceed five (5) minutes total for district officers. A candidate or delegate may yield part or all of his or her time to a non-delegate for these speeches.
19. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Section 4: VOTING

20. There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this Convention.
21. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted on the convention floor during voting.
22. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote subject to the following restrictions: a) A rising vote shall be taken if requested by either two delegates or seated alternates, or at the discretion of the Chair. b) Voting for officers, delegates and alternates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections.
23. A counted division of the house vote may be taken at the discretion of the Chair and shall be taken if requested by least 10 delegates or seated alternates
24. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any Commissioner District, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint two tellers to canvass the vote of said Commissioner District, and the head teller shall report the same to the convention.
25. If there is a dispute in the number of votes cast or ballots handed out then the convention chair, head teller and head of credentials shall convene and make a ruling on the dispute.
26. Ballots shall be distributed by the tellers and collected by the tellers. If necessary, the chair may appoint extra people to be tellers and collect the ballots.
27. Blank ballots, ballots with a fictional character or ineligible person will not be counted toward the total number of votes needed to win the election. Ballots marked "No", "None", "No Endorsement" or with any candidate's name will be counted.
28. Only tellers shall open and tally ballots. After the tellers have all ballot envelopes, they shall verify the number of ballots before comingling them, and then tally the votes.
29. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed by three committee members.
30. When the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has been no debate, it shall be in order, before the final vote has been taken, to debate the proposition for six (6) minutes with one-half of that time allotted to those in favor, and one-half to those in opposition to the proposition. The same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

Section 5: ELECTION OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES and OFFICERS

31. A delegate may nominate only one person to the delegate or alternate until all delegates desiring to place names in nomination have been recognized.
32. The Nominations Committee shall make a full report and report the names of all candidates, the office sought, and its opinion on whether the candidates are “qualified” or “unqualified” for the office sought. All candidates appearing before the Nominations Committee shall be reported to the Convention and placed into nomination. If a candidate is deemed “unqualified”, the committee may report why it determined the candidate is unqualified.
33. The Commissioner District +Chair shall be given the correct number of ballots for the Commissioner District according to the Final Credentials Report and hand them to each duly seated delegate or alternate. Completed ballots will be collected by the Commissioner District Chair or appointed Tellers. If the correct number of ballots is returned, ballots shall be tabulated and results announced to the Commissioner District. The Commissioner District Secretary shall certify and deliver the final results to the Convention Secretary.
34. Candidates for each position shall draw by lot to determine the order of speaking for a contest race.
35. Each county officer position shall be elected separately
36. Any candidate that has gone through the nominations committee that has not been elected to an office may be nominated and seconded to any open office from the floor. Any candidate nominated and seconded from the floor that has not gone through the nominations committee must fill out the nominations form and at least meet briefly with the nominations committee prior to the vote. Time during the convention will be given for that meeting.
37. Voting for delegates, alternates and officers shall be by secret ballot. If the number of nominees is equal to or less than the number of available positions, voting may be by acclamation; however, if the vote is for alternates, the nominees must agree, in advance of the acclamation, on what order they shall be ranked.
38. Delegates will not be ranked. Alternates shall be ranked by total votes received. In the event of a tie in votes for delegates or alternates, a coin toss or other similar method deemed appropriate will determine the ranking. A county officer position will continue until a candidate has received the majority of votes or a candidate for the position withdraws.

Section 7: Constitution

39. A sixty percent (60%) vote is needed to amend the proposed Constitution. Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall first be referred and approved by the Constitution Committee. The Constitution with any approved amendments, shall become effective immediately upon the close of the Convention.

– END RULES –

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2 ND ?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2, Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2 ND ?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2 ND ?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority