

REASONS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

Article III Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3- Meetings

Added the ability to conduct meetings via conference call or video call in case of inclement weather, a state of federal emergency declaration or a majority vote of the executive committee. These is put in a place for the health and safety of the county members so they aren't driving through blizzards, ice storms or when it is illegal to meet in person. It allows the county to take advantage of technology improvements in this area and do more collaboration.

Article III, Section 4 – Sub Committees

Reducing Sub-committees as there is never enough people to fill them and wanted to make sure there was more relevance.

1. Dropped Office Management Sub-committee – Leave to executive team to find meeting space
2. Removed Voter Research Sub-Committee, felt like the volunteer and delegate management subcommittee should have this research part as part of their duties so update their duties a bit.
3. Dropped Affiliate Liaison Sub-Committee should be handled by either the chair or vice chairs. Also college republicans can have delegate on the executive committee.
4. Dropped the Precinct Caucus Sub-Committee should be handled by the executive and county commissioner district chairs.

Also made the treasurer part of the Legal & Finance Sub-Committee

Article IV Section 1 - General

Just cleaned up the language so all executive committee members, delegates and alternates receive a call along with the means that the call can be delivered.

Article IV Section 2 - Convention Committees

Just added some verbiage that they can meet through conference call, video call or in-person.

Article IV Section 4 - Endorsing Convention

Just strengthen the language from may to shall because a 60% endorsement is spelled out in the MNGOP Constitution in Article V section 3 and must conform to that.

ARTICLE IV – Section 5 – Delegate, Alternate and Volunteer List

Added some verbiage to the constitution about list management for delegate, alternates and volunteer lists. This seems to be a very contentious area and needed clarity on how lists will be handled. I did not add a section to set a time frame for all candidate to receive the list at the same time as we don't know when all candidates may choose to run, file, withdraw and if a candidate request early they get the benefit of working on convincing delegates, alternates and volunteers to vote or work for them. This spells out this can be handled for political purposes.

ARTICLE V – Section 2 – Delegate, Alternate and Volunteer List

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Also alternated the nominations so that the candidates must meet with the nominations committee. This was done for due diligence reasons so everyone needs to answer the same questions by the nominations committee and there is a chance to google search the person to validate if they have a public criminal record showing up. (i.e. they murdered someone or committed rape)

ARTICLE V – Section 2 - Slate

The committee felt that organized delegations or alternate may slate but that the nominations and candidate search committee should be more neutral and just provide a qualified, qualified with reservations or unqualified opinion. As an organization we are not trying to limit the candidates running.

ARTICLE V – Section 6

If someone passes away while on the Blue Earth County Republican committees their vacant position can be refilled without requiring an executive committee 2/3rd vote following the method in the Blue Earth County Constitution for filling vacancies

ARTICLE VI – Section 1, Term of Office and Section 3, Allocation of Delegates:

Delete second alternates. Second alternates have been elected at off year conventions. Having first alternates selected in even numbered years and second alternates elected in odd numbered years (where fewer delegates attend) is very confusing and hard to understand and manage.

Section 3, Seating Order:

Making seating order easier to understand for district and state conventions as there was confusion based on how it was written.

Section 4, Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Central Committees:

Had to be deleted to comply with the MNGOP Constitution.