



Minnesota 5th Congressional District Republican Committee

2025 CONVENTION

Thursday, April 10th, 2025 6:30pm
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Crystal, MN

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation – [Rabbi from last year?]
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Reading of the Convention Call
5. Nomination & Election of the Temporary Convention Chair
6. Nomination & Election of the Temporary Convention Secretary
7. Appointment of a Parliamentarian, Tellers, Chief Teller, and Time Keeper
8. Confirmation of the Convention Committees: Credentials Committee, Arrangements Committee, Rules Committee, Constitution Committee, Nominating Committee
9. Preliminary Credentials Committee Report
10. Approval of Rules Committee Report: Rule 3 (Seating of Alternates)
11. Seating of Alternates
12. Final Credentials Committee Report
13. Motion to Make the Temporary Organization Permanent
14. Report of the Rules Committee
15. Adoption of the Rules
16. Report of the Constitution Committee
17. Vote to amend the Constitution
18. Report of the Nominations Committee for CD5 Officers
(Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
19. Elections of CD5 Officers
20. Newly elected Fifth CD Chair comments
21. Report of the Nominations Committee for CD5 three At-large members of both the Executive Committee and Full Committee
22. Election of CD5 three At-large members of both the Executive Committee and Full Committee
23. Report of the Nominations Committee for State Central At-Large Delegate and Alternate
24. Election of State Central At-Large Delegate and Alternate
25. Other Business as may properly come before the Convention
26. Announcement/Introduction of Guest(s)*
27. Adjournment

** The Convention Chair has the discretion to change the order of business of the Convention to allow for Convention Guests and to allow for a more orderly and efficient Convention.*

Convention Officers

Convention Chair: Alec Beck
Parliamentarian: Greg Smisek
Secretary: Barry Johnson
Media Producer: Mitch Rossow
Head Teller: Patty Messenbrink
Tellers: Janice Arone, Rebekah Sandy
Sergeant of Arms: Jaquelin America, Don Bumgarner
Time Keeper: Mark Miller

Convention Committees

Arrangements Committee

Chair: Mitch Rossow

- Alec Beck
- Lincoln Towers
- Diane Napper
- Abby Wolters

Registration Committee

Chair: Tim Kirk

- Ken Wendling
- Dalia al-Aqidi
- Adam Davis
- Paul Anderson

Credentials Committee

Chair: Christina Pierson

- Teri Hovanec

Rules Committee

Chair: Mitch Rossow

- Greg Smisek

Nominating Committee

Chair: Patty Mesenbrink

- Jen Zielinski
- Barry Johnson
- Ken Wendling

Constitution & Bylaws Committee (standing)

Chair: Mitch Rossow

- Shawn Holster
- Greg Smisek

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PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1) PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of the business of the Convention when not in conflict with the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Fifth Congressional District Constitution and Bylaws, the official Convention Call, and the rules as adopted by the Convention.

2) ORDER OF BUSINESS; AMENDMENTS OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

- a) The order of business of the Convention shall be as listed in the Convention's Agenda.
- b) After the adoption of the Convention Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds vote.
- c) A motion to adjourn shall be out of order until the completion of the official business of the Convention, as stated in the agenda.

3) REGISTRATION, SEATING AND FILLING OF VACANCIES

- a) Persons entitled to vote at the Convention are the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates elected at the Republican BPOU conventions held in 2024, who presently reside within the boundaries of the Fifth Congressional District and the BPOU from which they were elected.
- b) BPOU Chairs shall fill vacancies in the BPOU Delegations from the Alternates elected from the same BPOU following the order designated by their 2024 BPOU Convention, or, if no such order was established, at their discretion.
- c) If the BPOU Chair is not present, a delegation chair shall be elected by a majority of the registered Delegates from that BPOU, who shall carry out the functions of the BPOU Chair within these rules for the duration of this Convention. If no Delegates are present from a BPOU, alternates shall be seated by the Convention Credentials Committee.
- d) 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.
- e) Guests may register at any time.

4) QUORUM

- a) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the number of registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.

- b) In order for the Convention to conduct official business, the number of registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the Final Report of the Credentials Committee must be a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total number Delegates elected at the 2024 BPOU Conventions.

5) ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION

- a) A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to address the Convention shall rise, address the Chair, and be recognized by the Chair. After recognition, state your name, BPOU, and purpose for which you rise.
- b) The debate on any motion shall be limited to one (1) minute for each speech. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice to the same motion.
- c) Debate shall be limited to three (3) speeches in favor of the motion and three (3) speeches against the motion, alternating, as far as possible, between those for and against. Moving the previous question (immediately closing debate) shall not be in order until these six (6) speeches have been afforded.
- d) The Convention Chair may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers, invited guests, and others the privilege of addressing the Convention with a question and answer period for a total of no more than three (3) minutes.
- e) The Convention Chair or an appointee thereof is directed to strictly enforce all speaking-related time limits.

6) VOTING

- a) Only those Delegates and Alternates seated according to Rule 3 shall be permitted to vote. Each person seated shall have one vote.
- b) All voting for contested positions shall be by secret written ballot unless otherwise specified in these rules. Any uncontested election may be decided by acclamation.
- c) The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote. If the Convention Chair is in doubt on a voice vote, the Convention Chair may order a standing vote.
- d) Only candidates placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for election.
- e) Unit rule voting is not permitted.

7) BALLOTING

- a) The ballots cast by each BPOU shall be collected by the BPOU Chair or Tellers and given to the Head Teller for tabulations. Tellers must verify the number of the ballots cast by each BPOU before the ballots are commingled for tabulation.
- b) The Head Teller shall report to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast for each position, the number of votes required for election, and the number of votes received by each candidate. The Convention Chair shall announce the results to the Convention.
- c) If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any BPOU, a challenge must be made before the ballots from the BPOU are commingled for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the Convention Chair shall appoint two (2) Special Tellers to compare

the number of ballots cast by the BPOU and the Final Credentials Report. If there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted to that BPOU, then the BPOU will be required to vote again.

- d) Blank ballots and other ballots that indicate no preference shall not be counted. A ballot with more names than the number of positions to be filled, an unintelligible ballot, or a ballot cast for an unidentifiable or ineligible candidate shall be counted as a vote cast but shall not be credited to any candidate.
- e) All ballots shall be sealed by the Head Teller and held by the newly-elected CD5 Secretary for fourteen (14) days after the convention. A challenge to the outcome of an election must be brought to the newly-elected CD5 Chair within fourteen (14) days after the convention. A recount may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the CD5 Executive Committee. The Executive committee shall notify affected parties. The CD5 Executive Committee shall conduct the recount. One (1) representative from each affected party may observe the recount. In the event that the recount changes the outcome of an election, the result shall be certified by the CD5 Executive Committee and shall be transmitted by the newly-elected CD5 Secretary to the Republican Party of Minnesota. The person determined to be newly-elected shall assume the office at once after the recount is completed.

8) NOMINATIONS

- a) All persons seeking a Fifth District office or position (or their personal representative) must meet with the Nominating Committee.
- b) The Nominating Committee shall interview each candidate who appears before it and shall place into nomination all such candidates for each position, in alphabetical order. The Nominating Committee may state who they believe is qualified and who is not qualified.

9) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) Separate elections shall be held for Fifth District Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
- b) Each candidate shall have three (3) minutes to address the convention and an additional two (2) minutes for questions.

A candidate must receive a majority of votes cast in order to be elected.

10) ELECTION OF FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE FULL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) Votes shall be cast on a single ballot for all three positions of at-large members of the Full Committee and Executive Committee. The three (3) candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the casting of lots.
- b) Delegates and seated Alternates must vote for three (3) separate nominees. Any ballot containing more or fewer than three names shall be counted as a vote cast but shall not be credited to any candidate.

- c) Each candidate shall have two (2) minutes to address the convention and an additional one (1) minute for questions.

11) ELECTION OF STATE CENTRAL AT-LARGE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

- a) Votes shall be cast on a single ballot for both State Central At-Large Delegate and Alternate. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected Delegate. The candidate with the next highest vote count will be elected Alternate. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the casting of lots.
- b) Each candidate shall have two (2) minutes to address the convention and an additional one (1) minute for questions.

12) MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All materials distributed at the Convention by campaigns, individuals or advocacy groups must state who paid for, distributed or approved the material(s).
- b) No campaign materials from any organization may be affixed to the walls within the convention space.
- c) No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of this convention by any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the Chair in advance. Any attendees who violate this rule may be asked to leave the convention.
- d) Turn off phones or silence them. Use your phone outside the auditorium.
- e) The presiding officer or designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the convention, or other behavior otherwise contradictory to the good order of the body.

13) TRANSMITTAL OF CONVENTION RESULTS

The newly elected Secretary shall ensure that the results of the Convention are transmitted to the Republican Party of Minnesota within ten (10) days of the adjournment of the convention.