



Minnesota Republican Party

Senate District 47 Convention Rules

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General

1. 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.
2. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republicans of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Convention Call of the Convention, or the Rules adopted by this Convention.
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected Delegates registered for the Convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum in this Convention has been established there shall be no further question as to the quorum.
4. These Rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention.
5. All persons entering the Convention Room shall have in their visible possession a Convention badge that is provided at the registration desk.
6. Candidate materials, banners, and hospitality setups will be in designated areas only. Any observed literature that is vulgar, defames, or can cast negative light on the MN State Republican Party or Senate District 47 will be removed.
7. Because the body will dissolve upon adjournment, a motion to adjourn is not in order unless all business of the convention has been concluded.

Seating of Delegates and Alternates

8. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The duly elected Delegates from each precinct that are actually present and registered.
 - b. If a Delegate to this Convention is absent, then a registered duly elected Alternate from that precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - c. If no duly elected Delegates or Alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
 - d. When a registered Delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, they shall be immediately seated.
 - e. The order of seating shall be as follows:
 - i. By rank. If the Alternate vote count from the precinct caucus is available, Alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.
 - ii. If the vote count is not available, the Convention Chair shall determine the order of seating.
9. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of registered Delegates and registered, seated Alternates present on the floor. Delegates and Alternates must have been duly elected at the 2024 Senate District 47 Precinct Caucus.
 - a. For the purposes of the seating of delegates, precinct assignments will be reflected in accordance to the precinct boundaries as they existed during caucus.
10. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to an election of officers, election of State Central Delegates, nominations of candidates (if appropriate), or when requested by the Chair.
11. The final report of the Credentials committee may be amended per Rule #9 if there have been late registrations. Completed late registrations occurring 30 minutes past the Convention call to order shall not be permitted for consideration as a nominee for State Central Delegate or Alternate (See Rule 27) or Executive Committee Candidate (See Rule 31).

Speaking

12. A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, state their name and precinct, and the purpose for which they rise.
13. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on 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.
14. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.
15. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate, candidate's surrogate or distinguished guest to address the Convention. The length of each address shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Convention Chair gives approval for a longer period.
16. Visitors to the Convention will not be allowed to speak on the Convention floor or address the Convention unless such address is made under Rule 15. When in the Convention Hall, visitors must remain seated in the marked Visitor Section and must remain silent at all times so that the business of the Convention can proceed without distraction. The Convention Chair must instruct the Sergeant at Arms to immediately and permanently remove any visitor who is in violation of this Rule.
 - a. If any Delegate or Seated Alternate deems a visitor to be in violation of this Rule, as a matter of Privilege they may request that the Convention Chair have the visitor(s) removed from the Convention Hall. Upon concurrence by two (2) or more Delegates or seated Alternates, the Chair must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently remove the specified visitor(s) from the Convention hall.
 - b. If any three (3) Delegates or Seated Alternates object to the removal of a visitor from the Convention Hall, they may request a vote by the Convention. The Chair shall then immediately call a vote on the issue, with no discussion. A vote in the affirmative shall be a vote to remove the visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. If a majority of those voting vote in the affirmative, the Chair must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently remove the specified visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. All visitors in the Convention hall shall continue to be subject to Rule 16, regardless of any prior vote.

Voting

17. Only Delegates and seated Alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
 - a. Each delegate and seated Alternate shall be entitled to cast one vote per vote taken.
 - b. Unit rule or proxy voting is not allowed.

18. 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 any Delegate, seated Alternate, or at the discretion of the Chair.
 - b. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by Five (5) or more precincts.
 - c. A secret ballot may be moved by any Delegate and voted up or down without discussion.
 - d. A secret ballot shall be used for all contested elections.
19. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge and up to two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the Convention.
20. 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 (3) committee members.
21. 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 three (3) 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.

Elections of Delegates and Alternates to State Central Committee

22. Nominees for State Central Delegate or Alternate, or their designated speakers, may address the Convention for the purpose of stating their qualifications and stands on issues or candidates for a period not to exceed thirty (30) seconds.
23. The method of voting shall be by one ballot with a single vote taken by each Congressional District for their specific allotment of delegates and alternates. Only seated delegates in the Congressional District being voted on may vote for the candidate(s) in that district.
24. The ballot cast shall contain a different name for each available position. In total, the Senate District will have 4 delegates and 8 alternates allotted.
 - a. CD2 : There is 1 delegate and 2 alternates allotted to the CD2 geographic section of Senate District 47. Each ballot will allow for the selection of up to 1 position. The top vote getter on the ballot will be Delegate. Alternates will be ranked by number of votes received. If any ballot contains more than 1 name or an invalid name, the ballot will be considered spoiled.
CD4: There are 3 delegates and 6 alternates allotted to the CD 4 geographic section of Senate District 47. Each ballot will allow for the selection of up to 3 positions. The top 3 vote getters on the ballot will be Delegate. Alternates will be ranked by number of votes received. If any ballot contains more than 3 names or an invalid name, the ballot will be considered spoiled.
 - b. All ties for alternate ranking will be decided by simple coin flip. This includes Delegate – Alternate ties. Additional coin flips will be used as needed to successfully resolve all tie breakers.
 - c. Candidates may run for either delegate or alternate. If running for alternate, the votes received will be used only for the purposes of ranking
25. In the event there are only the allotted number or fewer nominees for Delegate, a motion to unanimously elect the entire list of nominees will be in order.
26. Eligibility: Only those names placed in nomination will be eligible to receive votes. Those wishing to have their names placed into nomination (or their surrogates) must sign up with the Nomination Committee near the Registration table at the Convention site who will report all names to the Convention. No nominations will be taken from the floor of the Convention. Candidates must be a duly elected Delegate or Alternate, seated or unseated, from the 2024 Senate District Precinct Caucus.
27. Nominations for Delegates and Alternates to CD4 and State Convention will close 30 minutes after the Convention is called to order.

Executive Committee Elections

28. Elections for positions in Senate District 47 Executive Committee shall occur in the following order:
 - Full Senate District 47
 - a. SD47 Chair
 - b. SD47 Deputy Chair
 - c. SD47 Treasurer
 - d. SD47 Secretary
 - By House District (A and B)
 - e. HD47 Chair (A/B)
 - f. HD47 Vice Chair (A/B)
29. Nominations: All nominations for Executive Committee positions shall be submitted and acknowledged by the nominations committee prior to the convention as stated on the official convention call. Nominations shall not be taken from the Convention floor except whereas any position remains vacant without a previously declared candidate recommended by the nominations committee.
30. Eligibility:
 - a. Any candidate for the Senate District 47 Executive Committee must reside within the bounds of Senate District 47 and either be registered as a Republican or voted Republican at the prior election.
 - b. Candidates need not be present to be nominated.
31. Those persons, or their designed speakers, which have been nominated shall have the opportunity to address the Convention for a total of three (3) minutes. If any position is contested, the nominees shall have the opportunity to select their order of speaking via coin toss, or at the discretion of the convention chair.
32. Voting: In addition to Rules described in voting section of this document, the following apply: There will be a separate election for each of the vacant positions.
 - a. Voting strength is established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.
 - b. In any contested election, a valid ballot majority of the registered voters at the time of the final report is required to elect a person to the SD47 Executive Committee.
 - c. In the event of an uncontested election, a motion to unanimously elect the position will be in order.
 - d. The motion to elect by standing vote requires a majority vote of the Convention.