

## **An Explanation of the State Central Committee**

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## What is the State Central Committee?

Minnesota state statute requires a major political party to be managed by a state central committee:

“Subject to the control of the state convention the general management of the affairs of the state party is vested in the party's state central committee” ([§202A.12, Subd. 2](#)).

Pursuant to statute, the MNGOP Constitution establishes its state central committee.

“The general management of the affairs of the party in the state shall be vested in the State Central Committee, subject to the control of the state convention and this constitution” ([MNGOP Constitution, Article IX, Section 1 A](#)).

The word central in the name of this committee indicates it is essential to the general management of the political party. It is the administrative committee of the state party.

“The business and property of the party shall be managed by a State Central Committee...” ([MNGOP Bylaws, Article II, Section 1](#)).

The State Central Committee:

- consists of proportional representation from each BPOU in the party (MNGOP Constitution, Article IX, Section 1 B) (this is a different group of delegates from those who attend state conventions),
- is lead by an elected executive committee (MNGOP Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, and MNGOP Bylaws, Article III and IV), which can enter into contracts for the party (MNGOP Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4), and
- meets in session twice a year (MNGOP Bylaws, Article II, Section 7).

While a state convention consists of proportional representation from each BPOU for a total of about 2,200 delegates statewide, the State Central Committee consists of proportional representation from each BPOU for a total of 340 delegates statewide. This smaller group of state central delegates is subject to the state convention delegates, the larger group.

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## What Does a State Central Delegate do at a State Central Committee meeting?

The state central committee manages the affairs of the party. It meets in session to:

- elect the party's officers (chair, deputy chair, secretary) who serve on the executive committee ([§202A.12, Subd. 3](#) and [MNGOP Constitution, Article IX](#)),
- elect the National Committeeman and Committeewoman who serve on the National Republican Party Committee (MNGOP Constitution, Article IX and Article XIII),
- amend the party bylaws (MNGOP Constitution, Article XV, Section 3 and 4),
- endorse a candidate when needed (MNGOP Constitution, Article V, Section 3 D),
- call the party's state convention into session ([§202A.12, Subd. 1](#)), and
- oversee the party's executive committee.

Just as a BPOU's convention and executive committee works for all precincts, and a CD's convention and executive committee works for all BPOUs, so the state central committee and executive committee works for all precincts, BPOUs, and CDs to manage the affairs of the whole Republican Party in the state.

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