

## **Proposed Rules for the 2020 Chisago County Republican Party Convention**

1. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Chisago County, the official call of this Convention or the rules adopted by this Convention.
2. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
  - a. The delegates of each Chisago County precinct duly elected at the February 25, 2020, precinct caucus.
  - b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from THAT PRECINCT shall be seated in the order specified by the Chisago County GOP Constitution.
  - c. If a precinct does not have any duly elected delegates or alternates present at Convention, there shall not be representation from that precinct.
3. A quorum shall be declared after the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall not be questioned again during the course of the Convention.
4. Only persons whose names are entitled to be entered upon the permanent roll of this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
5. Registration shall remain open throughout the Convention.
6. After the permanent organization has adopted rules, the delegates and seated alternates shall consider the printed agenda for adoption or amendment.
7. Candidate or issue signs shall not be affixed to a stationary object behind, above or immediately in front of the podium.
8. Literature distributed at Conventions.
  - a. All pieces of literature must include the phrase "Prepared and paid for by" and the name of the person(s) or organization presenting the literature as well as the mailing address.
  - b. All literature must be presented to the Credentials Committee for approval of the disclaimer prior to distribution on the convention floor.
  - c. Literature that is distributed without the disclaimer will be collected from convention attendees and discarded.
9. All persons asking a question, speaking to an issue, submitting a motion or seconding a motion must rise and identify themselves by name and precinct (at a microphone if provided). Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to one minute by each speaker. A person shall not be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same motion or issue. Up to three (3) speakers for and three (3) against may speak on each motion or issue.

10. The vote on all questions shall be by voice, subject to the following contingencies:
  - a. A standing vote may be requested by any delegate or at the discretion of the Chair.
  - b. A roll-call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by fifty percent (50%) of the number of precincts present.
  - c. A secret ballot may be moved by any delegate, seconded and voted up or down.
11. If there is a dispute about the vote of any precinct, the Chair shall appoint a Judge and two (2) Tellers to canvass the vote of that precinct and the Judge shall report the same to the Chair.
12. No one shall be compelled to vote on any question or motion under unit rule.
13. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all offices or positions for which there is a candidate have been subject to an election.
14. All motions, except such as relate directly to the order of business, shall be in writing and referred to the proper committee, without debate, and reported on by it before the same shall be considered on the floor.
15. Voting for delegates and alternates shall be done by secret ballot.
  - a. As the first choice, the secret ballot shall be cast electronically. If electronic voting is not available, paper ballots shall be prepared with candidate names in alphabetical order.
  - b. A list of candidates shall be printed for each voter to use as a crib sheet while listening to candidate speeches.
  - c. The voter shall then transcribe these choices to an electronic ballot or paper ballot.
  - d. If a voter inadvertently hits the "Cast Ballot" button, a request can be made to the Head Teller to recast the electronic vote.
  - e. Blank ballots, abstentions, unreadable ballots, ballots cast for an ineligible person or fictional person, and ballots with too many votes shall be regarded as spoiled and not counted.
16. Election of delegates to the Eighth Congressional District, State, and Tenth Judicial Conventions.
  - a. The Applicant Filing Committee shall place on the ballot the names of those who have declared their candidacy for delegate by the filing deadline required by the Constitution and stated in the Convention Call.
  - b. Voting for delegates shall proceed as soon as ballots have been prepared and the candidates have each been recognized and each allowed up to thirty (30) seconds to address the Convention. Voting shall have priority over all other business or speakers.
  - c. Each ballot may contain up to twenty-nine (29) votes for delegates.

- d. Candidates receiving a plurality of the total number of valid ballots cast shall be declared elected delegates. In case of a tie for the last position, it shall be broken by a coin toss conducted by the Chair of the Convention.
17. Election of alternates to the Eighth Congressional District, State, and Tenth Judicial Conventions.
- a. The Applicant Filing Committee shall place on the ballot the names of those not elected as delegate along with the names of those who have declared their candidacy for alternate by the filing deadline required by the Constitution and stated in the Convention Call.
  - b. Voting for alternates shall proceed as soon as ballots have been prepared and the candidates have each been recognized and each allowed up to thirty (30) seconds to address the Convention. Voting shall have priority over all other business or speakers.
  - c. Each ballot may contain up to twenty-nine (29) votes for alternates.
  - d. All ties for ranking shall be resolved by the alphabetical order of last names.
  - e. If time does not allow for the counting of ballots for the election of alternates during this Convention, the Executive Committee shall be responsible to count such ballots and declare the results by a reasonable time after the Convention has adjourned.
18. Resolutions.
- a. Resolutions may not be offered from the floor of the Convention.
  - b. Minority report(s) of the Resolutions Committee may be presented if agreed to by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the Resolutions Committee.
  - c. The length of time for debate on any one resolution shall be limited to one minute per speaker. The number of persons debating any one resolution shall be limited to three (3) in favor and three (3) against. However, the Chair presiding over the debate shall have the discretion to extend debate on a resolution.
19. Officers of the Republican Party of Minnesota or Republican National Committee may speak for up to five (5) minutes. Candidates for federal and state office may speak for up to five (5) minutes. Candidates for State Senate and House for districts in the County may speak for up to five (5) minutes.
20. These rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Convention.

*Note: The Rules Committee encourages delegates and seated alternates not to make a motion to "call the question," which would stop debate if approved, but often only results in delaying the business of the Convention.*