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To Whom It May Concern,

I, David Hann, Chair of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Minnesota, submit the most recent party constitution and by-laws that govern the operation of the Republican Party of Minnesota and its sub-units and affiliates. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

David Hann
Chair

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The Republican Party of Minnesota (the Party) welcomes into its party all Minnesotans who are concerned with the implementation of honest, efficient, responsive government. The party believes in these principals as stated in the Declaration of Independence: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, it is the party committed to equal representation and opportunity for all and preservation of the rights of each individual. It is the purpose of this constitution (the Constitution) to ensure that the Party provides equal opportunity for full participation in our civic life for all Minnesota residents who believe in these principles regardless of age, race, sex, religion, social or economic status.

ARTICLE I Name and Object

SECTION 1: Name.

The name of this organization shall be Republican Party of Minnesota.

SECTION 2: Object.

The object of the Party shall be the maintenance of government by and for the people according to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and the implementation of such principles as may from time to time be adopted by Party conventions. To obtain this object it is essential the party shall organize at all levels to elect Republicans to public office.

ARTICLE II Membership and Dues

SECTION 1: Membership.

The membership of the Party shall be composed of all citizens of the State of Minnesota who desires to support the objectives of the Party.

SECTION 2: Dues.

Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

SECTION 3: Rights.

Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any Party caucus, primary or convention, where is entitled by law to participate.

ARTICLE III Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Committee

SECTION 1: In the first odd numbered year following redistricting the State Executive Committee shall establish a standing committee to develop an operating policy and procedure manual for the next redistricting period

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SECTION 2: The Redistricting Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each Congressional District. It is recommended that the appointee have actual Congressional District and/or Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU) leadership apportionment experience. The Chair shall appoint the chair of the Redistricting Committee. The Congressional District representative shall be appointed by the Congressional District chair(s), or in the event of a dispute between the chairs regarding appointment, by the Congressional District executive committee.

SECTION 3: The redistricting manual shall be prepared by the Redistricting Committee and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee shall submit the redistricting manual to the State Central Committee no later than January 1 of each census year.

SECTION 4: Following the approval of the redistricting manual by the Executive Committee and the State Central Committee, in all cases concerning redistricting in which it is not in conflict with the Constitution and bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the manual shall govern Congressional and Legislative redistricting matters for the current redistricting process

ARTICLE IV Delegation of Power

SECTION 1: Basic Unit.

The Party shall be organized into BPOUs, i.e., one of the following: County, House District, or Senate District except that in any county containing four or more entire House Districts the county must organize as House or Senate Districts. For BPOUs located within the 5th Congressional District (as defined following the 2020 Census), the BPOUs may be organized to contain more than one Senate District, so long as the entirety of each such Senate District is contained within a single Congressional District. This combined BPOU organization may take the place of the Minneapolis City Committee created by Article X, Section 4.

SECTION 2: Organization.

It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU committees to assist all endorsed Republicans seeking public office at least partly within their respective units, to expand the membership of the party within their respective units, and to organize or cause to be organized each ward, precinct, or other voting district in their unit. The form of enrollment shall be prescribed by the State Executive Committee and shall be uniform throughout the state. No qualifications for membership shall be imposed except as provided by this Constitution. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters who are eligible for membership under Article II.

SECTION 3: Management.

The management of the affairs of the Party within each basic political organizational unit shall be vested in the BPOU committee, subject to the direction of state and Congressional District authorities as to matters within the scope of their respective functions.

SECTION 4: Territorial Realignment.

A. A county committee of a county containing fewer than four (4) entire House Districts may disband the county organization and reorganize itself along either Senate or House District lines, by adding a portion of an adjoining county or allocating part of the county's territory to another BPOU. A county committee may also realign its territory by adding a portion of an adjoining county and/or allocating part of its territory to another BPOU. The procedure shall be by approval of at least sixty (60%) of the county convention of each of the involved counties, provided that notice of such proposal for reorganization was issued in the call of

the convention. The county convention shall submit its transitional plans including proposed distribution of funds to accomplish such reorganization to the Congressional District and State Executive Committees for their review. The new organizations shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a BPOU. Such reorganization shall continue until the next state-wide redistricting or until the county form of organization is restored by a convention of the precinct Delegates within the original county lines called by authority of the Republican Party of Minnesota State Executive Committee or any Republican Party of Minnesota state convention. No BPOU that is organized as a County BPOU can be forced to reorganize as a House District or Senate District.

- B. If a Senate District or House District crosses county lines, it shall be able to separate from any County BPOU Organization to form a new BPOU with approval of at least sixty percent (60%) of the seated precinct Delegates contained within the mentioned Senate or House District and within the county, at the yearly county convention. This intention must be submitted in writing to the county BPOU organization at least twenty (20) days prior to the county convention date. The county BPOU organization must place this notice of such proposal for reorganization in the call of the convention. The precinct Delegates wishing to secede shall submit its transitional plans including proposed distribution of funds to accomplish such reorganization to the Congressional District and State Executive Committees for their review prior to the county convention. The new organization shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a BPOU. Such reorganization shall continue until the next state-wide redistricting or until the county form of organization is restored by a convention of the precinct Delegates within the original county lines called by authority of the State Party Executive Committee or any Republican Party of Minnesota State Convention.

ARTICLE V

Conventions and Endorsements - General Provisions

SECTION 1: Business and Call.

- A. Conventions shall transact such business as is specified in the call of the convention and may transact such other business as a majority of the convention may determine, subject to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 of this constitution.
- B. The call for a Convention shall be issued at least ten (10) days prior to the convention, except that for an endorsing convention for a special election or for a post-primary endorsing convention, the call shall be issued at least five (5) days prior to the convention. Convention calls and reports required to be mailed prior to a convention may be issued electronically by email.

SECTION 2: Registration.

- A. Notwithstanding Article II, Sections 2 and 3, registration fees may be assessed Delegates and Alternates attending a convention.
- B. Once a Delegate or a seated Alternate has registered for the convention, they remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
- C. A convention may close registration of Delegates and Alternates only if the convention call states the time at which registration will close. If the call states a registration closing time the convention may permit a later closing time for registration or may require the convention to remain open regardless of the language in the call.

SECTION 3: Endorsements.

A. General Rules.

1. It shall first be determined by a majority vote whether endorsement shall be considered for an office.

Voting on a candidate for endorsement for an office shall be by secret ballot, either electronically or by paper ballot, as per the rules of the convention. The convention or committee may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to endorse by a rising vote for any office for which there is only one (1) candidate.

2. Votes may be cast for any person who by law is eligible for election to the office under consideration and who is eligible under this Constitution to seek the endorsement. Ballots may also be cast stating 'no preference' or 'undecided', indicating no endorsement. Blank ballots or abstentions, unintelligible ballots, or ballots cast for an ineligible person, or a fictional character shall not be included in determining the sixty percent (60%) vote needed for endorsement. No preprinted ballot shall be allowed unless an option for 'no preference', 'undecided' or 'no endorsement' is included.
3. A motion of no endorsement may be adopted by a majority vote. The rules of a convention may limit how often or when such a motion may be made. However, on any round of voting for endorsement, a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) or a majority of the votes on a voice vote (excluding abstentions) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'.
4. Excepting the 60% requirement in this Article, BPOU or Congressional District constitutions may establish different rules of endorsement for conventions relating to legislative districts or other areas entirely within the respective BPOU or Congressional District.
5. An endorsement may carry with it the commitment of party resources, finances and volunteers only when made at a convention that is representative of the entire electorate for the office. In the case of a proposal for endorsement of a candidate whose constituency is not coterminous with the territory of the convention, only those Delegates residing within such constituency shall vote upon the proposal. An endorsement for public office at a convention below the level of the one that is representative of the entire electorate for the office shall be no more than an expression of the sentiment of the convention.

B. Pre-Primary Endorsement.

1. If the public office sought by the candidate is legally partisan, the candidate must agree prior to being considered for pre-primary endorsement to seek the office as a Republican if they receive the endorsement.
2. Any candidate for any elective public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state, Congressional District, BPOU or other authorized convention if they receive a sixty percent (60%) vote of the convention and if the sixty percent (60%) is greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote.
3. Only one candidate may be endorsed per seat for a particular office.

4. When more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for an office, none of the candidates for that office shall be voted upon separately.

C. Rules for Minnesota Supreme Court and Minnesota Court of Appeals Endorsements.

1. As to candidates for judicial office, the Party shall at its state convention consider whether to endorse candidates for the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The nominations committee shall report whether any candidate for endorsement has met the requirements of Article VI, Sec. 3.
2. After the report of the nominations committee, the State convention shall proceed to the vote on whether endorsement should be considered. The convention may only vote to endorse a candidate who has first satisfied the requirements of Article VI, Sec. 3.
3. If the state convention votes affirmative on consideration of endorsement, the Delegates shall vote on endorsement of a person for that particular office of the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Endorsement may be conferred upon any person who by law is eligible for election to the office and who is eligible under this Constitution to seek endorsement, even if such candidate has not sought endorsement by the Party or has communicated that such candidate does not desire and/or will not use Party endorsement.
4. Except where they conflict with the special rules stated in this paragraph, the provisions of Article V, Section 3, A. and B. apply to endorsing candidates for the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

D. Endorsement By State Central Committee.

If a primary election for any Minnesota statewide office or for United States Senator results in the selection of a nominee other than the Republican-endorsed candidate, a meeting of the State Central Committee shall be called by the Chair or by the State Executive Committee within five (5) days after the certification of the primary election results by the State Canvassing Board. The purpose of this meeting shall be to consider a post primary endorsement of the nominee(s) winning the primary election. Such a meeting may also consider post primary endorsement of a Republican nominee for any other statewide office or United States Senator for which no pre-primary endorsement was made. The Chair or the State Executive Committee may call a meeting of the State Central Committee at any time after the State Convention to consider Republican endorsement by the State Central Committee of any candidate for statewide office or for United States Senator, if (1) the State Convention did not endorse any candidate for that office and such candidate's candidacy for that office had not been announced prior to the State Convention *or* (2) the endorsed candidate dies, withdraws, or is otherwise ineligible for election to the office sought. Any endorsement by the State Central Committee shall require a sixty percent (60%) vote of the registered Delegates (including seated Alternates) at such State Central Committee meeting and such vote shall be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates at such meeting as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote.

E. Vacancies In Nominations.

In the event of the death or withdrawal of an endorsed nominee for statewide office prior to the primary, or in the event of the death or withdrawal of a candidate after the primary, but twenty-one (21) days prior to the general election, the State Central Committee shall consider the endorsement of a substitute nominee or candidate. The call for the meeting

shall be issued at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. In the event the candidate withdraws or dies less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the general election, the State Executive Committee shall consider endorsement of a substitute candidate. Any endorsement by the State Central Committee shall require a sixty percent (60%) vote of the committee and such vote shall be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote. Any endorsement by the State Executive Committee shall require a sixty percent (60%) vote of the committee and such vote must be greater than or equal to at least a majority of the members of the committee.

F. Legislative District Endorsing Conventions.

1. A legislative district endorsing convention wholly within a given BPOU may be held subject to the provisions of said BPOU constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Party Constitution.
2. Where a legislative district crosses BPOU lines, but lies wholly within a Congressional District, the Congressional District Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
3. Where a legislative district crosses BPOU and Congressional District lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
4. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairs from a legislative district which crosses BPOU, or Congressional District lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the convener, the chair(s) of the Congressional District or Chair, on behalf of the respective executive committee which has jurisdiction as specified in Section 3. F. 2. or 3. F. 3. of this Article, shall issue the call for such convention.
5. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from a legislative district that crosses BPOU, or Congressional District lines should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
6. Eligible voters at legislative district endorsing conventions shall be the Delegates or their Alternates who reside within the legislative district and who were duly elected at the most recent Party precinct caucus.
7. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at a legislative district convention not all be elected based on the same ratio of the Republican vote count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected based on the highest ratio of the vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and those Delegates and Alternates elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have the percentage of one (1) vote based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio of the vote count.

G. County and County District Endorsing Conventions.

1. For a county containing four or more entire House Districts a county convention may be held solely for the purpose of endorsement for county offices elected on a countywide basis. A county district convention may be held solely for the purpose of endorsements for county offices such as County Commissioner if elected by districts.
2. If a county or county district office lies wholly within a BPOU, a county convention

shall be called by the BPOU committee.

3. If a county or county district office crosses BPOU lines but lies wholly within a Congressional District the convention may be called by the Congressional District Executive Committee unless otherwise provided for in the Congressional District constitution.
4. If a county office crosses BPOU and Congressional District lines, the convention may be called by the State Executive Committee.
5. Should a county or county district consist of more than one (1) BPOU, a request for a county convention must be submitted by the committees of a majority of the BPOUs to:
 - a) Congressional District Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided for in the Congressional District constitution, if a county lies wholly within a Congressional District; or
 - b) State Executive Committee, if the county office crosses Congressional District lines.
6. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from a county or county district office that crosses BPOU, or Congressional District lines should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
7. Eligible voters at a county or county district convention shall consist of those Delegates and Alternates who reside within a county or county district and who were duly elected at the most recent Republican Party precinct caucus held within the county or county district.
8. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at the county or county district convention not all be elected based on the same ratio of the Republican vote count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected based on the highest ratio of the vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and those Delegates and Alternates elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have the percentage of one (1) vote based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio of the vote count.
9. For Hennepin County the Hennepin County subcommittee shall allocate the number of Delegates and Alternates for a county or county district convention based on the Republican Party vote in the last general election for President or Governor. For Ramsey County the Congressional District committee shall allocate the number of Delegates and Alternates for a county or county district convention based on the Republican Party vote in the last general election for President or Governor.

H. City, Ward, Township, School Board, and Judicial District Endorsing Conventions.

1. For cities, townships, and judicial districts not included in Article X, Section 4, a city, ward, township, school board, or judicial endorsing convention may be held for the purpose of endorsing candidates for city offices, township offices, school board, and judicial office and the provisions in Article V, Section 3, I., 1- 9 shall only apply to such cities, townships and school districts.
2. An endorsing convention for such a city, ward, township or school district wholly

within a given BPOU may be held subject to the provisions of said BPOU constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Party State Constitution.

3. An endorsing convention for such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district wholly within a given Congressional District may be held subject to the provisions of said Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Party State Constitution.
4. Where such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district crosses BPOU lines, but lies wholly within a Congressional District, the Congressional District Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
5. Where such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district crosses BPOU and Congressional District lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
6. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairs from such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district which crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the convener, the chair(s) of the Congressional District or Chair, on behalf of the respective executive committee which has jurisdiction as specified in Section 3. I. 4. or 3. I. 5. of this Article, shall issue the call for such convention.
7. In the event that all of the BPOU committees from such a city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district that crosses BPOU or Congressional District lines should request an endorsing convention, then the chairs of the respective BPOUs on behalf of their committees may issue a joint call for such an endorsing convention and appoint the convener.
8. Eligible voters at such city, ward, township, school district, or judicial district endorsing conventions shall be the Delegates or their Alternates who reside within the city, ward, township or school district and who were duly elected at the most recent Republican Party of Minnesota precinct caucus held within the political boundaries of the legislative district.
9. Should the Delegates and Alternates qualified to vote at such a city, ward, township, school, or judicial district convention not all be elected based on the same ratio of the Republican vote count, then those Delegates and Alternates elected based on the highest ratio of the vote count shall be counted as one (1) vote and those Delegates and Alternates elected on a lesser ratio of the vote count shall have the percentage of one (1) vote based on their percentage of the highest elected ratio of the vote count.

I. Recommended Status

1. Any candidate for any non-partisan elective public office may be recommended for office, provided that the following conditions are met:
 - a) The candidate shall be vetted by a process approved by the BPOUs or CDs that lie partially or wholly within the district represented by the office being sought and

- b) The candidate shall receive a sixty percent (60%) vote of approval from the executive committees of a majority of the BPOUs or CDs in the applicable jurisdiction.
- 2. An endorsement supersedes a recommendation for any given position.
- 3. A BPOU or CD could choose to recommend multiple candidates for a local position or could choose not to recommend at all.
- 4. Support for candidates that have been recommended, according to the procedure in this section, shall include the following:
 - a) Access to voter information held by the Party, but limited to voters in the district represented by the office being sought, and
 - b) Any other resources available to the Party.

SECTION 4: Seating of Alternates.

Once the temporary organization has been established, the first order of business of a state or Congressional District convention shall be the seating of Alternates. The permanent voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the Delegates of each BPOU who actually are present, and in the absence of any Delegate to the convention, an Alternate shall be seated in their stead during their absence according to the procedure established by the constitution or bylaws of the BPOU. When a Delegate returns to the floor of the convention, he or she will be seated immediately.

SECTION 5: Election and Terms of Delegates.

- A. All state, Congressional District, BPOU, and Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in general election years and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected, or upon adoption in their respective BPOU constitution, they may elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and state conventions annually in the same manner as provided in the general election year, and these Delegates and Alternates elected under this option shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are duly elected.
- B. All affiliate Delegates and Alternates shall serve a two (2) year term or until their successors are elected. An affiliate Delegate or Alternate may not be a regular party Delegate or Alternate to the same convention. Affiliate Delegates and Alternates to Congressional District conventions must reside in the Congressional District and must be elected by the affiliate members who reside in the Congressional District and will be legally qualified voters in the next general election.
- C. In compliance with the rules of the Republican National Convention, no Delegate or Alternatemay be an automatic Delegate or Alternate. Each Delegate or Alternate must be elected by their respective convention. Delegates and Alternates to the Republican National Convention may be bound to cast their vote for a particular candidate. The State executive committee will have the authority to create binding rules for the state and congressional districts. The rules will be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Republican National Committee.

SECTION 6: Vacancies.

At all levels within the Party a vacancy shall occur in a Delegates position upon their death,

resignation or removal from the geographical area from which they were elected, or upon the failure of the body having the power of election to fill such position, if no duly elected Alternate is available to fill the vacancy. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original Delegate or Alternate was elected.

SECTION 7: Nothing in this Article is intended to affect the right of the convention to authorize, by rule, the Delegates present to vote the entire voting strength of the BPOU.

ARTICLE VI State Convention

SECTION 1: Composition.

State conventions shall be composed of the following:

- A. Delegates from various BPOUs of the state who are elected at their conventions. The number of Delegates from the various BPOUs shall be apportioned among the BPOUs upon such basis as the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee may determine, provided that the basis of apportionment shall be uniform throughout the state, and shall be based upon the vote for the Republican candidate for Governor in the last preceding statewide general election; or, if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President. If the number of Delegates apportioned to a BPOU is less than two (2), the total number of Delegates shall be increased to a minimum of two (2) Delegates for each BPOU.
- B. Subject to Article V, Section 5, B., two (2) Delegates and two (2) Alternates elected by each of the statewide Republican Party affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that the affiliate has at least twenty-five (25) eligible members.

SECTION 2: Committees.

State convention committees consisting of a platform committee, a rules committee, a credentials committee, a nominating committee and such other state convention committees as may be necessary or desirable shall be organized. Members in each committee shall be appointed as follows:

- A. An equal number of members from each Congressional District to be appointed by the district chair(s) of the respective Congressional District.
- B. Members at large to be appointed by the Chair, the number of which is not to exceed fifteen percent 15% of the total membership of any committee.
- C. A chair to be appointed by the Chair.

SECTION 3: Nominations Committee.

- A. To be eligible to be considered for endorsement or election, candidates for statewide endorsement and candidates for National Delegate or Alternate must meet all legal requirements and submit nominations petitions to the Nominating Committee containing the printed names and signatures of a minimum of two percent (2%) of the State Convention Delegates.
- B. The Nominations Committee shall report to the convention those candidates who have met the petition, and legal requirements at Section 3A and whether the Nominations Committee deems the candidates to be qualified, qualified with reservations or unqualified to receive

endorsement or be elected.

SECTION 4: Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee report shall be emailed and available on the Party website at least seven (7) days in advance of the convention.

SECTION 5: Platform Committee.

- A. The function of the platform committee shall be to maintain a Permanent Platform of core beliefs for the Party based upon the platform adopted at the previous regular Republican State Convention. The permanent platform may only be amended as provided in this Constitution and the rules of the State Convention. The committee will be responsible for performing the work described in subsection C. below.
- B. The platform committee shall meet in even numbered years at the call of its chair or the Chair. The final committee report shall be presented to the state party chair and be available on the website and emailed to convention Delegates and Alternates at least seven (7) days prior to the State Convention. The committee shall then present the final committee report to the State Convention to be voted on in the manner prescribed by this constitution and the rules of the convention.
- C. In even numbered years the platform committee shall review the permanent platform and all of the resolutions passed at Congressional District conventions for Congressional Districts that have a representative on the platform committee and any additional resolutions brought to the committee in the manner prescribed by the state convention rules. The Committee has discretion to make recommendations to the state convention to limit the size of the platform including a recommendation to designate resolutions of the platform for sunseting. The committee shall determine which resolutions are new resolutions (i.e., address issues that are not addressed in the current permanent platform). The committee will recommend to the State Convention the following changes:
 1. Adoption of the new resolutions identified by the committee;
 2. Renewed adoption of any resolution of the platform designated to sunset;
 3. Elimination of those resolutions that are no longer germane;
 4. Combining those resolutions that are similar;
 5. Clarifying those resolutions that are confusing;
 6. Reconsideration of those resolutions that are in conflict with other resolutions;
 7. Any resolution submitted by a majority of Congressional Districts shall be included in the platform committee final report; and
 8. Resolutions that advocate for specific legislation or policy shall be placed in a separate “action-agenda” that will sunset every two (2) years.
- D. All motions related to the Platform Committee report shall be voted upon at the State Convention in the manner prescribed in the convention rules and need to be adopted by a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the last credentials report.

The creation of a permanent platform for the Party will not limit the authority of any BPOU or Congressional District with respect to adopting their own platform.

SECTION 6: Time and Place of Convention.

A state convention of the Party shall be held in each general election year as required by Minnesota State Statutes, at such time and place as the State Central Committee may determine. Special state conventions may be called at such other times and places and for such purposes as the State Central Committee may determine.

SECTION 7: Issues Conference.

In odd-numbered years the State Central Committee may organize a conference of party activists for the purpose of studying issues of topical interest to the Party. The conference shall be open to all interested Republicans and shall not be limited to State Convention Delegates and Alternates.

SECTION 8: Presidential Electors.

- A. Presidential Electors shall be nominated by the State Convention in the year of each Presidential election as follows: (i) two (2) Presidential Electors shall be nominated at-large by the State Convention Delegates in accordance with the rules of the State Convention; and (ii) each Congressional District shall place in nomination one (1) Presidential Elector (a Congressional District Elector-Nominee) as provided in Article VII, Section 3, who shall be nominated by the affirmative vote of the State Convention, in accordance with the Rules of the State Convention.
- B. Each Congressional District shall report to the State Convention the name of that Congressional District's Congressional District Elector-Nominee in the manner provided in the Rules of the State Convention.
- C. If a Congressional District fails to select a Congressional District Elector-Nominee or a Congressional District Elector-Nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a Presidential Elector prior to being nominated by the State Convention, a substitute Congressional District Elector-Nominee shall be placed in nomination in accordance with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Congressional District. If no provision exists in the Congressional District's Constitution or Bylaws for a substitute Congressional District Elector-Nominee, the Presidential Elector to be placed in nomination by that Congressional District shall instead be nominated by the State Convention Delegates in the manner provided for an at-large Presidential Elector as set forth above.
- D. No person shall be nominated a Presidential Elector unless that person has been selected as a Congressional District Elector-Nominee or nominated at-large as provided herein.
- E. If any Presidential Elector that has been nominated by the State Convention is unable or unwilling to serve after the state convention, the state executive committee shall nominate a replacement from the geographic body that nominated the original Presidential Elector.

**ARTICLE VII
Congressional District Conventions**

SECTION 1: Composition.

Congressional District conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the district:

- A. Delegates apportioned to and elected at the BPOU convention, in the same manner as Delegates to state conventions. Any BPOU that crosses Congressional District lines shall allot its apportioned Delegates to the Congressional Districts using the Republican vote cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election. The manner of election shall be determined by the BPOU constitution, bylaws or by a motion of its convention.
- B. Subject to Article V, Section 5, B., one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate who are residents of the Congressional District elected at a Congressional District caucus held by any of the statewide affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that the affiliate has at least ten eligible members residing in the Congressional District.

SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention.

Congressional District conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State Central Committee and at the call of the State Executive Committee, or the committees of the respective Congressional District, and at such other times and for such other purposes as the committee calling the conventions may determine. The Congressional District committee shall determine the place of holding Congressional District conventions in each district.

SECTION 3: Presidential Elector Nominees.

- A. In each Presidential election year, each Congressional District shall be entitled to place in nomination one (1) person to be that Congressional District's Congressional District Presidential Elector-Nominee. A Congressional District Presidential Elector-Nominee may be selected by: (a) the affirmative vote of the Congressional District's Delegates at the Congressional District Convention held in a Presidential election year in accordance with the rules of the District Convention; or (b) by that Congressional District's District Convention Delegates in the manner provided in the Congressional District's constitution.
- B. Each Congressional District Elector-Nominee shall be reported to the State Convention and nominated by the State Convention as provided in Article VI, Section 8 of this Constitution.

**ARTICLE VIII
Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions**

SECTION 1: Composition.

BPOU conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the BPOU:

Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses that are held in each precinct every general election year as required by Minnesota statutes. The number of Delegates and Alternates at each convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be determined by the BPOU committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the BPOU and shall be based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the past preceding statewide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President. Special caucuses for one (1) or more precincts may be called by the BPOU committee in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies in precincts where such exist at the time of notice.

SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention.

BPOU conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State Central Committee and at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee or the BPOU committee. The conventions shall precede Congressional District and State conventions. Special BPOU conventions may be

held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee, or the BPOU committee at such time and for such purpose as the committee calling the same may determine. BPOU conventions shall be held at a place determined by the respective committee issuing the call.

SECTION 3: Delegates and Alternates to State and Congressional District Conventions.

Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional Districts and to State conventions shall be elected at the BPOU conventions in even numbered years; or if provided in the BPOU constitution may be elected annually. A BPOU may elect up to twice as many Alternates as the number of Delegates allotted, provided that the BPOU convention or constitution specifies a method for the orderly seating of said Alternates to fill vacancies in the delegation. The qualifications to be elected a Delegate or Alternate are residence in the electing unit and being a legal and qualified voter in the next general election. All disputes concerning the seating of Alternates shall be settled according to that BPOUs constitution or bylaws. If seating of Alternates is not addressed in the BPOUs constitution or bylaws, then a caucus of the Delegates from that BPOU will meet to settle the issue.

**ARTICLE IX
State Party Administration**

SECTION 1: State Central Committee.

A. General Management.

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.

B. Composition.

The State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The Members of the State Executive Committee and the Congressional District Chairs.

Where the Congressional District constitution provides for one chair and one deputy chair instead of two chairs, the chair and the deputy chair will be members of the State Central Committee. The Congressional District chairs and Congressional District representatives to the State Executive Committee may appoint a designee to serve in their absence provided that the designee is either a State Central Committee Alternate or Congressional District officer from their Congressional District. The state party officers, the National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and the state finance chair may appoint a designee to serve in their absence provided that the designee is a State Central Committee Alternate or Congressional District officer.

2. One Delegate-at-large from each Congressional District.

If a Congressional District constitution provides for a Congressional District representative to the State Executive Committee other than a Congressional District chair, then this person will be the Congressional District Delegate-at-large. If a Congressional District constitution provides that a chair will represent the Congressional District on the State Executive Committee, then the Congressional District shall elect in accordance with its constitution a Delegate-at-large and an Alternate in odd numbered years from within the Congressional District.

3. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate, elected from each of the statewide Republican Party affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws, provided that the affiliate has at least twenty-five (25) eligible members.

4. Three Hundred (300) Delegates and up to three (3) times as many Alternates apportioned among the Congressional Districts, determined by the ratio of each Congressional District's Republican vote in the last general election for President or Governor. Congressional Districts shall further apportion all of their Delegates to their BPOUs, and no BPOU or portion thereof may be disenfranchised. The Congressional District shall determine the method for ensuring enfranchisement. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that every BPOU fragment qualify for its own Delegate or Alternate.

The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in odd numbered years from within the Congressional District in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional District constitution. A Congressional District Delegate or Alternate elected pursuant to this section shall serve a two (2) year term commencing on the date of their election and terminating on the date their successor is elected. Such Delegates and Alternates must reside in the Congressional District and be eligible to be a legally qualified voter in the next general election.

In the event that any Congressional District Delegate and one of their Alternates are unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, the Congressional District constitution shall provide for a procedure for appointment of a replacement from among the other Alternates elected in that Congressional District.

A vacancy in a Congressional District Delegate position shall be filled for the unexpired term by one (1) of their Alternates if any, otherwise a vacancy in a Delegate or Alternate position may be filled for the unexpired term by the respective body of officers having power of appointment or election.

5. Each Republican State constitutional officer and each Republican member from Minnesota of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives, or their appointee, shall be a member of the State Central Committee for the duration of their term of office.
6. The Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, if a member of the Republican Caucus or their appointee (otherwise the leader of the House Republican Caucus or their appointee) and the leader of the Republican Caucus in the Minnesota State Senate or their appointee.

SECTION 2: State Executive Committee.

A. Composition.

The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer;
2. The National Committeeman and Committeewoman;
3. One district chair from each Congressional District or a Congressional District representative as provided for in the Congressional District constitution or bylaws who shall serve until a successor is elected;
4. The state finance chair.

SECTION 3: State Party Officers.

A. Composition.

The State Party Officers shall consist of the following:

1. Chair
2. Deputy Chair
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. National Committeewoman
6. National Committeeman

B. Elections, Terms and Removals

1. The Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary shall be elected at large by the State Central Committee in accordance with the bylaws or upon the occurrence of a vacancy, as provided in clause 4 below.
2. At the first Executive Committee meeting after the election of a Chair or in the event of a vacancy in the Treasurer position, the Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full membership of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer cannot simultaneously hold any other state party officer position.
3. State party officers elected by the State Central Committee shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive full terms in the same office. Unless otherwise provided, each party officer shall serve a two (2) year term in accordance with the procedures established in the bylaws.
4. (i) Any State party officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the State Executive Committee and confirmation by a vote of a simple majority of those present at the next meeting of the State Central Committee. This party officer's position shall be considered vacant until the next State Central Committee meeting
(ii) Any state party officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any meeting of the State Central Committee.
5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Deputy Chair shall carry out the duties of the Chair until a new Chair is elected and the State Central Committee shall meet within forty-five (45) days thereafter to elect a new Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Chair may appoint an acting Deputy Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer subject to ratification by the State Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after the appointment, to carry out the duties of the vacant office until a new officer is elected. The State Central Committee shall elect a new Deputy Chair or Secretary at its next regularly scheduled meeting or, if such meeting is scheduled within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, at the second regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy occurs.

SECTION 4: General Provisions Relating to State Party Administration.

A. Terms of Appointees.

Unless otherwise provided, persons appointed by a state party officer under this constitution shall have terms of office expiring with the expiration of the term of the appointing officer. Each such person may be removed at the discretion of the appointing officer. In the case of the death, removal from office or geographical area, or resignation of the appointing officer the persons appointed by such state party officer shall have terms expiring with the election by the State Central Committee of the new state party officer.

- B. No state party officer shall hold their office and at the same time receive monetary or in-kind payment from any candidate or its campaign.
- C. The Chair and Deputy Chair shall meet with the Congressional District chairs as a group at least once every three (3) months.

ARTICLE X

Congressional District Party Administration

SECTION 1: Congressional District Committee.

A. Duties and Responsibilities.

The management of the affairs of the party pertaining to each Congressional District shall be vested in the Congressional District committee of such Congressional Districts, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, and the Congressional District convention, provided that the Congressional District committee shall have no jurisdiction over local affairs within the respective BPOUs in the Congressional District.

B. Composition.

The composition of each Congressional District committee shall be provided in their respective Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.

C. Officers.

The officers of each Congressional District committee shall be at least one (1) chair, a treasurer and such additional officers as may be determined by each Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.

D. Election of Officers.

The Delegates to each Congressional District convention held in odd numbered years shall elect the officers of the Congressional District committee from any members of the Party residing within the district.

SECTION 2: Congressional District Executive Committee.

The Congressional District Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Congressional District committee and such additional members as provided by the respective Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.

SECTION 3: Removals.

Unless a Congressional District constitution or bylaws provide otherwise, any officer of a Congressional District committee, or any member of the Congressional District Executive Committee, may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present at the Congressional District or Congressional District Executive Committee meeting, as applicable.

SECTION 4: City Committees.

For cities of the first class (and for cities located wholly within Hennepin County having a

population of Seventy-Five Thousand (75,000) or more), it shall be responsibility of the respective Congressional District committee to organize or cause to be organized such cities and wards thereof, located within their Congressional District, for city elections. The Congressional District committee may determine the number of Delegates and Alternates for such a city or ward convention and the basis of their apportionment, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the city and the wards thereof, and if such Delegates and Alternates are elected at the precinct caucuses held in even numbered years the apportionment shall be based on the Republican Party vote in the last general election for President or Governor. The constitution and/or bylaws of the respective Congressional District shall provide for the establishment of a city committee for such a city. A Congressional District may also give power and responsibilities to such a city committee, including the authority to elect officers and to call endorsing conventions for city office, subject to the provisions of the Congressional District constitution and/or bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

Basic Political Organizational Unit Administration

SECTION 1: BPOU Committee.

A. Composition.

The BPOU committee shall consist of the BPOU party officers and such other members as the BPOU constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.

B. Officers.

The officers of each BPOU shall be at least one (1) chair and such additional officers as may be determined by each BPOU constitution and/or bylaws.

C. Election of Officers.

The officers and other members of the BPOU committee shall be elected at each BPOU convention held in odd numbered years.

D. Management and Fundraising.

The management of the affairs of the party within the BPOU shall be as set forth in Article IV. Organizers or other representatives of state or Congressional District authorities shall not solicit membership or funds at an event held within any BPOU without at least fourteen (14) days written prior notice to the BPOU chair(s). (See Article IV, Section 2.)

SECTION 2: BPOU Executive Committee.

The BPOU convention may provide for a BPOU executive committee of such size as it deems proper, which shall be members of the BPOU committee.

SECTION 3: Removals.

Unless a BPOU constitution or bylaws provide otherwise, any BPOU representative on a Congressional District committee, or officer of a BPOU executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at a BPOU committee meeting.

SECTION 4: Vacancies in Precinct Offices.

The BPOU chairman or chair with the approval of the BPOU committee may call a special caucus, for one (1) or more precincts, in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies where such exist at the time of notice or may provide for the appointment of an acting officer until an officer is duly elected.

ARTICLE XII

Judicial District Organization and Administration

SECTION 1: A Judicial District convention may create and organize a Judicial District Committee. A notice of intent to consider forming a Judicial District Committee shall be included in the call of the convention along with the proposal to consider endorsement. If such committee is created and organized, it shall be strictly auxiliary to the Republican Party of Minnesota and shall have no other powers except as provided herein. If a Judicial District Committee is formed, it shall search for candidates for judicial office. If a convention endorses for a judicial office under Article V, Section 3(H), the Judicial District Committee shall be responsible to secure the election of the endorsed candidate.

ARTICLE XIII

National Committeeman and Committeewoman

SECTION 1: Selection of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman.

In the year of each presidential election, immediately before or immediately after the state convention that precedes the Republican National Convention, the State Central Committee shall meet and select a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman.

ARTICLE XIV

Affiliates

SECTION 1: Purpose and Organization.

The right of special organizations having Republican affiliations to exist and carry on their activities as they see fit, consistent with the object, platforms, and principles of the party shall be recognized. The organization of permanent local clubs and organizations of party members for the purpose of holding meetings and carrying on other activities in furtherance of party and public welfare shall be permitted and encouraged. The activities of all such organizations during the election campaigns shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party organizations.

SECTION 2: Procedures for Determining Affiliate Status.

A. Organizational Requirements for Affiliate Status.

Each Organization applying to be recognized as an Affiliate Organization of the Republican Party of Minnesota shall submit to the Chair a copy of its constitution, bylaws, any other governing documents and an Executive Officer roster of the organization. The organization shall hold a convention at least once every two (2) years to elect officers and Delegates/Alternates as applicable. Unless otherwise provided in the organization's constitution and/or bylaws, such convention shall be subject to the requirements in Article V.

B. Procedures for Determining Affiliate Standing.

The State Executive Committee shall review all existing Affiliates' standing at least every two (2) years. Written notice must be sent to the presiding officer of the Affiliate no later than twenty (20) days prior to a State Executive Committee meeting at which the Affiliate's standing will be reviewed. The State Executive Committee shall forward its recommendation of Affiliates in good standing to the State Central Committee to be certified by the State Central Committee.

SECTION 3: Representation at State and Congressional District Conventions

Authorized statewide Affiliates shall be entitled to voting representation at Republican State Conventions in accordance with Article VI, Section 1, B. Authorized statewide Affiliates may be entitled to voting representation at Congressional District Conventions, subject to

qualification, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, B.

ARTICLE XV
Constitution and Bylaws, Committee and Amendments

SECTION 1: Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair, and two (2) persons from each Congressional District. The Chair shall appoint the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Congressional District representatives shall be appointed by the Congressional District chair(s), or in the event of a dispute between the chairs regarding the appointment, by the Congressional District Executive Committee.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall give consideration to and may propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of the Constitution to the state convention. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall also give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments of the bylaws to the State Central Committee. One third of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Any member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have the privilege of addressing the State Convention or the State Central Committee when any report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is being considered.

SECTION 2: Amendments to the Constitution.

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any State Convention, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the State Constitution and Bylaws Committee and reported out of said committee. Any minority report shall be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of committee members before it shall be submitted to the Convention. Proposed amendments must be posted to the Party website at least five (5) days before the Convention.

SECTION 3: Bylaws.

The State Central Committee and State Executive Committee shall operate under such bylaws as are deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of the party. The bylaws shall contain the specific delegation and division of responsibilities and duties among the various department of the state organization and may specify whatever rules and administrative procedures the State Central Committee deems necessary.

SECTION 4: Amendments to the Bylaws.

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any State Central Committee meeting, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the State Constitution and Bylaws Committee and reported out of said committee. Any minority report shall be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of committee members before it shall be submitted to the State Central Committee meeting. Proposed amendments must be posted to the Party website at least five (5) days before the State Central Committee meeting.

ARTICLE XVI
General Provisions

SECTION 1: Other Constitutions and Bylaws.

Only BPOUs, Congressional Districts and Affiliates may adopt and amend a constitution and/or bylaws for its own governance. Those documents may not be inconsistent with this Party's Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 2: Removals.

Notice of every proposal for removal by any committee or other body of the party shall be included in the notice of the meeting, and the individual concerned shall be served with a detailed statements of the charges against them at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

SECTION 3: Vacancies.

- A. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective bodies or officers having power of election or appointment, except officers or members of the Congressional District or BPOU committees that shall be filled by such committees.
- B. A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of an officer or committee member or upon their removal from the geographical area from which they were elected.

SECTION 4: Financial Data/Congressional District/Basic Political Organizational Unit, and Legislative District Budgets.

- A. Upon request by the Treasurer, the financial officer of any organization recognized under this constitution including but not limited to each Congressional District, each BPOU/Legislative District organization and affiliate shall prepare biennial budgets or submit financial data pertaining to the organization for review and shall submit financial data to the Treasurer.
- B. The Treasurer shall report at least semiannually on the financial status of the state party to members of the State Central Committee.
- C. All money received in the name of the Republican Party of Minnesota shall be deposited in its account. All money received shall be reported by the Treasurer along with copies of any reports required by state or federal law.
- D. No contribution shall be accepted and a unit of the party shall make no expenditure at a time when the office of Treasurer of the respective unit is vacant.

SECTION 5: Improper Use of Party Funds.

No loan, in any form, may be made to any individual or party officer. In the event that any party officer, at any level of the Party, converts to their own use any Republican Party funds, other party officers shall report such occurrence to the Chair, diligently encourage and assist all law enforcement personnel in prosecuting the violator to the full extent of the law and shall work diligently to recover the misappropriated party funds.

SECTION 6: General Provisions

State Party Executive Committee members have a duty to act in the best interest of the Party and support Party-endorsed candidates for office.

**ARTICLE XVII
Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, or any special rules of order the party may adopt.

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BYLAWS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

ARTICLE I -- Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Minnesota (Party).

Section 2. Party offices shall be located at such places as the State Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II -- State Central Committee

Section 1. The business and property of the Party shall be managed by a State Central Committee composed of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 1B of the Party Constitution.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Central Committee maybe called by the Chair or by the State Executive Committee or by twenty-five (25) percent of the Delegates of the State Central Committee who must be from no fewer than three (3) Congressional Districts. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member at least ten (10) days in advance by the Party.

- A. The Party has ten (10) days to validate and acknowledge the petition to the full State Central Committee. The Party has forty (40) days to hold the meeting after receipt of the valid petition.
- B. For the purpose of calling a State Central meeting only, any Party Officer can accept the list serve agreement and provide a State Central Committee Delegate a copy of the Delegate List.
- C. If the State Central Committee meeting is called by a percentage of the delegation, the call must include the list of Delegates requesting the meeting containing first name, last name, and their Congressional District.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of thirty percent (30%) of the Delegates, who must come from no fewer than twenty-nine (29) counties.

Section 4. No voting by proxy shall be permitted at State Central Committee meetings.

Section 5. The State Central Committee shall meet to elect Party Officers as set forth in the Constitution. The Party shall post the job description for each open office on the Party website and the timelines, process, and requirements for applying for each open office, including.

- A. A petition with the signatures of at least thirty (30) State Central Delegates committed to vote for this candidate on the first ballot. No Delegate may sign more than one (1) petition for each open position. If a Delegate signs more than one (1) nominating petition in the same race (e.g., two (2) Chair candidates), their signature will be voided on each nominating petition for that race;
- B. An application and/or a questionnaire to be posted on the Party website. If no application or questionnaire is posted on the Party website, each candidate shall submit a resume of their qualifications including their past professional and political activities; and
- C. Any additional requirements that may be decided by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee shall be posted on the Party website no later than thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee meeting.

Section 6. Prior to the State Central Committee meeting each candidate shall be interviewed by the

Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall be composed of the Congressional District chairs or appointees, and a committee chair appointed by the Chair. The Nominations Committee shall rate each candidate as “qualified,” “qualified with reservations” or “unqualified.” The Nominations Committee shall present its report to the State Central Committee meeting of each remaining candidate, except for any candidate that two-thirds (2/3) of its members rate as “unqualified.”

Section 7. At each State Central Committee meeting, the Party Officers shall submit statements of the activities of the Party Officers since the previous meeting, together with a report of the general financial condition of the Party and of the condition of its tangible property.

Section 8. There shall be at least two (2) State Central Committee meetings per year.

ARTICLE III -- State Executive Committee

Section 1. The State Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of Party affairs, subject to the direction and control of the State Convention and the State Central Committee. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the persons specified in the Party Constitution.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Executive Committee may be called by the chair or by any three (3) members of the committee. Unless they waive notice, each member shall be entitled to notice of each meeting in writing (by mail, e-mail or fax) or orally (in person or by telephone) at least 24 hours in advance.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the voting members.

Section 4. No voting by proxy shall be permitted, except that a Congressional District representative may give a proxy to either a State Central Committee Delegate or an officer from their Congressional District.

Section 5. A vacancy occurs if a Congressional District representative no longer resides in the district from which they were elected, or in the event of their death, resignation or removal from office. The Congressional District Constitution shall provide a mechanism for filling such a vacancy. In the event the Congressional District Constitution does not provide such a mechanism, the Chair shall call a meeting of the Congressional District's State Central Committee Delegates for the purpose of electing a person to fill the vacancy. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each Delegate at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. The meeting shall convene not more than thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.

Section 6. At the first Executive Committee meeting after the election of a Chair, the Chair shall appoint members to the following standing committees with the approval of sixty percent (60%) of the sitting State Executive Committee.

- A. The standing committees are the Personnel Committee, State Fair Arrangement Committee, and Financial Control and Oversight Committee.
- B. Each standing committee shall have among its membership at least three (3) elected members of the Executive Committee. The standing committees can also have members who are not members of the Executive Committee.

- C. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Financial Control and Oversight Committee but is prohibited from being the chair of the committee. Each standing committee shall elect its own committee chair.
- D. The Financial Control and Oversight Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review the finances, contracts, expenses, assets, insurance, and obligations of the Party. The Committee shall prepare confidential reports of its findings for the any member of the State Executive Committee as requested.
- E. The Personnel Committee shall meet regularly and work confidentially to evaluate and provide advice regarding Party personnel decisions, and employment policies. The Committee shall meet as requested by any Party Officer, the Executive Director, or the State Executive Committee. The Committee will review employment policies, department director evaluations, and perform annual performance reviews for the Party Officers. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Chair, the Executive Director, and/or the State Executive Committee. All final decisions shall be made by the proper authority.
- F. The State Fair Arrangements Committee shall meet regularly to prepare recommendations for the State Fair booth, merchandise sales, and State Fair related Party activities. These recommendations shall be submitted to the State Executive Committee each year allowing sufficient time to implement those recommendations before the State Fair begins.

Section 7. A Hennepin County Subcommittee of seven (7) members shall be established at the beginning of every odd number year by Congressional District Chairs whose districts are located in Hennepin County sending recommendations of Republicans to appoint from their respective districts to the Chair within forty-five (45) days after being requested by the Chair. After forty-five (45) days, the Chair shall appoint the seven (7) members to the Subcommittee. The Chair shall appoint one of the seven (7) members to be a temporary chair to organize the Subcommittee. At a subsequent meeting of the Subcommittee, the Subcommittee shall elect a permanent chair. The Subcommittee shall meet at least every three (3) months. The Subcommittee will be charged with searching for county candidates, assisting endorsed or recommended county candidates in an election, calling county endorsement conventions, and assigning recommended status of county candidates as allowed by the governing bodies when there is no endorsement requested.

Section 8. The Chair may create a committee to report to the State Executive Committee. To create a committee the Chair must present a proposal to the State Executive Committee defining the purpose, scope, membership, and the chair of said committee. The proposed committee must be approved by the State Executive committee by a majority vote. At any time during the term of the approved committee the Chair may remove and replace the Committee chair or a committee member. Once formed the committee can be disbanded by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee before its termination date.

Section 9. State Executive Committee members must abstain from voting on any item that may be financially beneficial to themselves, or their immediate family. The State Executive Committee shall set a written conflict of interest policy approved by and binding on all the State Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers

Section 1. The Party Officers shall consist of the persons enumerated in the Party Constitution.

Section 2. No person shall be a Congressional District Party Officer and a State Party Officer at the same time.

Section 3. The Chair shall preside at all State Central Committee meetings, State Conventions and Executive Committee meetings. The Chair shall have general supervision and management over the affairs of the Party and over other officers and shall perform all such other duties as are incidental to the office.

Section 4. All contracts obligating the Party, including mortgages and other debt instruments, leases, and bonds, must be signed by both the Chair and the Treasurer, subject to the review and approval of the State Executive Committee, where applicable, as outlined below:

- A. Any contract that is likely to obligate the Party to an amount greater than \$5,000.00 during any calendar year (including multiple contracts with a single entity or person that in the aggregate could meet the \$5,000.00 annual threshold) and that does not fall within the applicable annual budget passed by the State Executive Committee must be approved in advance by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee.
- B. Any contract with a term longer than one year must be approved by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee.
- C. No Officer of the Party has the authority to guarantee a debt on behalf of the Party in any amount without the prior approval of a majority of the State Executive Committee.

Section 5. In the case of the Chair's absence or disability, and during the period of a temporary vacancy pending election of their successor, the Deputy Chair shall preside at all State Central Committee meetings and shall perform all other duties of the Chair. If in the Chair's absence or disability, there is no Deputy Chair to step in, the State Executive Committee shall appoint an acting Chair to govern until a permanent Chair is elected at the next State Central Committee meeting.

Section 6. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and publishing the minutes of the State Conventions, State Central Committee meetings and State Executive Committee meetings. All approved minutes will be retained as part of the books and records of the Party.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal accounting and financial controls; overseeing the Party financial budget process; publishing and filing Party financial statements, supplemental schedules and financial reports to applicable regulatory agencies and timely presenting such Party financial information to the State Executive Committee (at least quarterly) and State Central Committee (semi-annually) for their examination and approval.

- A. The Treasurer shall annually submit to the Chair and State Executive Committee a written report of the internal financial controls in place for the upcoming year. That report must be approved each year by the Chair and a majority of the State Executive Committee.
- B. The Treasurer must provide access to Party financial records and/or supporting transaction documents to current State Executive Committee members and State Central Committee delegates who submit reasonable written requests for such access subject to applicable personnel privacy laws and other confidentiality restrictions.

Section 8. The Party Officers generally shall have the responsibility to organize, or cause to be organized, each precinct in the state, and to seek out qualified candidate and encourage them to seek public office. No Party Officer shall use their official position to promote pre-primary endorsement support

or induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Party support prior to any endorsement by the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office.

Section 9. The Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary terms shall be two (2) years. The term will run from January 1 of an odd-numbered year through December 31 of the following even-numbered year. The election for these positions will take place in December of even-numbered years.

ARTICLE V -- Affiliates

Section 1. Any group meeting the qualifications and in accordance with procedures set forth in the State Party Constitution shall be granted Affiliate status.

Section 2. A list of currently approved Affiliates shall be attached to these Bylaws of the Party as an addendum.

ARTICLE VI -- National Delegates

Section 1. National Delegates are elected in accordance with the State Party Constitution.

Section 2. No Delegate to the Republican National Convention shall be bound by Party rules (unless bound by the State Convention pursuant to the State Party Constitution) or by State law to cast their vote for a particular candidate on any ballot at the Republican National Convention.

ARTICLE VII – BPOU, CD, Judicial District

The current constitution and Bylaws of each Congressional, BPOU and Judicial District shall be transmitted to the Party Secretary during June of each year for the record.

ARTICLE VIII – Emergency Authority

In the event of a declared Federal or State Emergency, all meetings and conventions for the Party and its local affiliates may be conducted via electronic means in which all participants can simultaneously hear each other and have the opportunity for recognition analogous to a regular in-person meeting. Any requirements for ballot votes may be waived, votes may be conducted via mail vote or other electronic means as determined by the meeting or convention. Other allowances for electronic meetings may be allowed elsewhere in Party documents. Any conflicting language shall defer to this rule.

ARTICLE IX -- Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the Party Constitution.

Amended by the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee –May 12, 2022

ADDENDUM TO THE BYLAWS

Affiliate list certified at May 2022 State Convention

MN Federation of Republican Women
MN Asian-American Republicans
MN African-American Republicans
Minnesota Young Republicans
Republican Seniors
Republican Liberty Caucus of Minnesota
MORVets
Republican Labor Affiliate
Log Cabin Republicans
American Indian Republicans
College Republicans
Hispanic Republican Assembly

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