

SD 18 ENDORSING CONVENTION PROPOSED RULES

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 Republican Party of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official 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delegates registered for the convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected delegates and seated alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee.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 of 50 percent plus one of the delegates seated in this Convention has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum.
4. Any literature, slates, or other candidate/organization material must contain a legal disclosure specifying which entity it originated from.
5. These rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.

SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

6. The permanent roll of the convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are actually present.
 - b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a 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 of alternates shall be as follows: If Alternates were not ranked at caucus, Alternates to the Convention shall be seated in the order in which they have been selected by a random drawing among those alternates attending such convention.
7. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present on the floor.

8. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to election of officers or delegates or ratification of the platform or when requested by the Chair.
9. No delegate or alternate shall be permitted to register with the Credentials Committee after the final report of that committee is adopted.

SPEAKING

10. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she rises.
11. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon 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.
12. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.
13. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest not seeking a SD 18, HD 18A, or HD 18B endorsement to address the Convention for a period not to exceed 5 minutes. However, the chair shall have flexibility in enforcing the rule, and none of these speakers under this rule will be allowed to reference any candidates seeking the endorsement.
14. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any candidate who filed with the Nominations Committee to address the Convention for a period not to exceed 10 minutes which the candidate may use for nominating/seconding speeches and/or a personal address to the Convention.

VOTING

15. There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this Convention.
16. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
17. The vote on all questions shall be by acclamation subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate, or at the discretion of the Chair.
 - b. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by five or more precincts.
 - c. Voting for endorsement of candidates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections.

18. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the convention.
19. No second shall be required to 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 committee members.
20. 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 minutes of that time allotted to those in favor, and three minutes 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. When these guidelines have been followed, motion to table is not debatable.
21. The Nominations Committee shall cease accepting nominations at the beginning of their meeting three (3) days prior to the start of the Convention. No nominations will be accepted from the floor
22. The Nominations Committee shall report the names of all persons who appeared before them, along with their qualification status.