

1 **BYLAWS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

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3 **ARTICLE I -- Name and Location**

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

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

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10 **ARTICLE II -- State Central Committee**

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

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15 Section 2. Meetings of the State Central Committee maybe called by the eChair or by the State Executive  
16 Committee or by fifteen twenty-five (15-25) percent of the dDelegates of the State Central Committee  
17 who must be from no fewer than three (3) two Congressional Districts. Written notice of each meeting  
18 shall be mailed or emailed to each member at least ten (10) days in advance by the Party.

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

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

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

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33 Section 5. The State Central Committee shall meet to elect pParty eOfficers as set forth in the Constitution  
34 (chair, deputy chair, secretary). A nominating committee composed of Congressional District chairs, or  
35 their appointees may, at its discretion, report to the State Central Committee those candidates it considers  
36 qualified or unqualified. The Party shall post the job description for each open office on the Party website  
37 and the timelines, process, and requirements for applying for each open office, including;

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39 A. Prior to May 1, 2021: The State Central Committee shall meet in odd numbered years, after the  
40 Congressional District conventions are completed, but no later than the last day of April. The  
41 nominating committee shall be composed of Congressional District chairs holding office at the  
42 start of the day on the day of the Congressional District convention or their appointees. Once  
43 appointed to the nominating committee, a Congressional District chair or his/her appointee may  
44 continue to serve until Party officers are elected.  
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46 B. After April 30, 2021: State Central shall meet in December of even numbered years to elect party  
47 officers (chair, deputy chair, secretary).  
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- 50 A. A petition with the signatures of at least thirty (30) State Central Delegates committed to vote for this  
51 candidate on the first ballot. No Delegate may sign more than one (1) petition for each open position.  
52 If a Delegate signs more than one (1) nominating petition in the same race (e.g. two (2) Chair  
53 candidates), their signature will be voided on each nominating petition for that race;  
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- 55 B. An application and/or a questionnaire to be posted on the Party website. If no application or  
56 questionnaire is posted on the Party website, each candidate shall submit a resume of their  
57 qualifications including their past professional and political activities; and  
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- 59 C. Any additional requirements that may be decided by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee  
60 shall be posted on the Party website no later than thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee  
61 meeting.  
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63 Section 6. Prior to the State Central Committee meeting each candidate shall be interviewed by the  
64 Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall be composed of the Congressional District  
65 chairs or appointees, and a committee chair appointed by the Chair. The Nominations Committee shall  
66 rate each candidate as “qualified,” “qualified with reservations” or “unqualified.” The Nominations  
67 Committee shall present its report to the State Central Committee meeting of each remaining candidate,  
68 except for any candidate that two-thirds (2/3) of its members rate as “unqualified.”  
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70 Section 67. At each meeting of the State Central Committee meeting, the Party eOfficers shall submit  
71 statements of the activities of the Party eOfficers since the previous meeting, together with a report of  
72 the general financial condition of the Party and of the condition of its tangible property.  
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74 Section 78. There shall be at least two (2) meetings of the State Central Committee meetings per year.  
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### 76 **ARTICLE III -- State Executive Committee**

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78 Section 1. The State Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of Party affairs, subject  
79 to the direction and control of the sState eConvention and the State Central Committee. The State  
80 Executive Committee shall consist of the persons specified in ~~Article IX, Section 2~~ of the Party  
81 Constitution.  
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84 Section 2. Meetings of the State Executive Committee may be called by the chair or by any three (3)  
85 members of the committee. Unless he/she they waives notice, each member shall be entitled to notice  
86 of each meeting in writing (by mail, e-mail or fax) or orally (in person or by telephone) at least 24 hours  
87 in advance.  
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89 Section 3. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the voting members.  
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91 Section 4. No voting by proxy shall be permitted, except that a Congressional District representative  
92 may give a proxy to either a State Central Committee dDelegate or an officer from his/her their  
93 Congressional District.  
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95 Section 5. A vacancy shall occurs if a Congressional District representative no longer resides in the Ddistrict  
96 from which he/she they was were elected, or in the event of his/her their death, resignation or removal  
97 from office. The Congressional District Constitution shall provide a mechanism for filling such a vacancy.  
98 In the event the Congressional District Constitution does not provide such a mechanism, the state eChair  
99 shall call a meeting of the Congressional District’s State Central Committee dDelegates for the purpose  
100 of electing a person to fill the vacancy. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each dDelegate

101 at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. The meeting shall convene not more than thirty (30)  
102 days after the vacancy occurs.

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

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108 A. The standing committees are the Personnel Committee, State Fair Arrangement Committee, and  
109 Financial Control and Oversight Committee.

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111 B. Each standing committee shall have among its membership at least three (3) elected members  
112 of the Executive Committee. The standing committees can also have members who are not  
113 members of the Executive Committee.

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115 C. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Financial Control and Oversight Committee, but is  
116 prohibited from being the chair of the committee. Each standing committee shall elect its own  
117 committee chair.

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119 A. ~~D.~~ The Financial Control and Oversight Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review the  
120 finances, contracts, expenses, assets, insurance, and obligations of the State Party. The Committee  
121 shall prepare confidential reports of its findings for the ~~State Party Chair, the Congressional District~~  
122 ~~Chairs,~~ or any member of the State Executive Committee as requested.

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124 B. ~~E.~~ The Personnel Committee shall meet regularly and work confidentially to evaluate and provide  
125 advice regarding ~~State Party~~ personnel decisions, and employment policies, ~~and officer~~  
126 ~~expectations~~. The Committee shall meet as requested by any State Party Officer, the Executive  
127 Director, or the State Executive Committee. ~~The Committee will work with the State Party Officers to~~  
128 ~~create and update job descriptions including any compensation.~~ The Committee will review job  
129 descriptions, employment policies, department director evaluations, and perform annual  
130 performance reviews for the State Party Officers. The Committee shall make recommendations to  
131 the ~~State Party~~ Chair, the Executive Director, and/or the State Executive Committee. All final  
132 decisions shall be made by the proper authority.

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134 F. The State Fair Arrangements Committee shall meet regularly to prepare recommendations for the  
135 State Fair booth, merchandise sales, and State Fair related Party activities. These recommendations  
136 shall be submitted to the State Executive Committee each year allowing sufficient time to implement  
137 those recommendations before the State Fair begins.

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

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153 Section 8. In addition to the standing committees, the State Executive Committee may organize itself  
154 into functional sub-committees and may appoint such advisory members as are necessary to deal with specific  
155 areas of Party operations. The Chair may create a committee to report to the State Executive Committee.  
156 To create a committee the Chair must present a proposal to the State Executive Committee defining the  
157 purpose, scope, membership, and the chair of said committee. The proposed committee must be approved  
158 by the State Executive committee by a majority vote. At any time during the term of the approved committee  
159 the Chair may remove and replace the Committee chair or a committee member. Once formed the committee  
160 can be disbanded by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee before its termination date.

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

#### 165 166 **ARTICLE IV -- Officers**

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168 Section 1. The Party eOfficers shall consist of the persons enumerated in Article IX, Section 3A of the  
169 Party Constitution.

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

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

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

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183 A. Any contract that is likely to obligate the State Party to an amount greater than \$5,000.00 during  
184 any calendar year (including multiple contracts with a single entity or person that in the aggregate  
185 could meet the \$5,000.00 annual threshold) and that does not fall within the applicable annual  
186 budget passed by the State Executive Committee must be approved in advance by a majority  
187 vote of the State Executive Committee.

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189 B. ~~In addition,~~ aAny contract with a term longer than one year must be approved by a majority vote  
190 of the State Executive Committee.

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193 B.C.No eOfficer of the Party has the authority to guarantee a debt on behalf of the State Party in any  
194 amount without the prior approval of a majority of the State Executive Committee.

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

203 Section 56 The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and publishing the minutes of the sState  
204 eConventions, State Central Committee meetings and State Executive Committee meetings. All  
205 approvedminutes will be retained as part of the books and records of the Party.  
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207 Section 67. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of  
208 internal accounting and financial controls; overseeing the Party financial budget process; publishing and  
209 filing Party financial statements, supplemental schedules and financial reports to applicable regulatory  
210 agencies and timely presenting such Party financial information to the State Executive Committee (at  
211 least quarterly) and State Central Committee (semi-annually) for their examination and approval.  
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- 213 A. The Treasurer shall annually submit to the Chair and State Executive Committee a written report  
214 of the internal financial controls in place for the upcoming year. That report must be approved  
215 each year by the Chair and a majority of the State Executive Committee.  
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- 217 B. The Treasurer must provide access to Party financial records and/or supporting transaction  
218 documents to current State Executive Committee members and State Central Committee  
219 delegates who submit reasonable written requests for such access subject to applicable  
220 personnel privacy laws and other confidentiality restrictions.  
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222 Section 8. The Party eOfficers generally shall have the responsibility to organize, or cause to be  
223 organized, each precinct in the state, and to seek out qualified candidate and encourage them to seek  
224 public office. No Party eOfficers shall use his/her their official position to promote pre-primary endorsement  
225 support or induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Party support prior to any endorsement  
226 by the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office.  
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228 Section 9. ~~Officer terms: Starting in April of 2021, the terms of the officers (chair, deputy chair, secretary) will expire~~  
229 ~~on December 31<sup>st</sup> in even numbered years. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of odd numbered years, the terms of reelected or~~  
230 ~~newly elected officers shall begin and they shall assume the role and duties of those positions. An Officer~~  
231 ~~elected by State Central to fill a vacancy shall only serve the balance of the original term. The Chair, Deputy~~  
232 ~~Chair, and Secretary terms shall be two (2) years. The term will run from January 1 of an odd-numbered~~  
233 ~~year through December 31 of the following even-numbered year. The election for these positions will take~~  
234 ~~place in December of even-numbered years.~~  
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## 237 **ARTICLE V -- Affiliates**

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239 Section 1. Any group meeting the qualifications and in accordance with procedures set forth in Article  
240 XIV, ~~Section 2~~ of the sState Party Constitution shall be granted Affiliate status.  
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242 Section 2. A list of currently approved Affiliates shall be attached to these bBylaws of the Party as an  
243 addendum.  
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## 245 **ARTICLE VI -- National Delegates**

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247 Section 1. National Delegates are elected in accordance with the State Party Constitution.  
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249 Section 2. No dDelegate to the Republican National Convention shall be bound by Party rules (unless  
250 bound by the State Convention pursuant to the State Party Constitution, ~~Article 5, Section 3D~~) or by  
251 State law to cast his/her their vote for a particular candidate on any ballot at the Republican National  
252 eConvention.  
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**ARTICLE VII – BPOU, CD, Judicial District**

The current constitution and Bylaws of each Congressional District, BPOU and Judicial District shall be transmitted to the ~~RPM~~ 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 ~~Republican Party of Minnesota~~ 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 ~~p~~Party documents. Any conflicting language shall defer to this rule. ~~If adopted, this rule shall be retroactive to all conventions and meetings held in 2020.~~

**ARTICLE IX -- Amendments**

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

*Amended by the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee – ~~December 5, 2020~~ May 12, 2022*

\*\*\*\*\*CURRENT AFFILIATES

**ADDENDUM TO THE BYLAWS**

Affiliate list certified at April 2021 State Central Committee Meeting

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