

# **PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES**

*This document shows additions to the Bylaws in **green**, removed language in **red**, and the current 2023 bylaws in **black**.*

## **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 may be 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 and no less than ten (10) delegates from at least 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.~~

**Section 2.** Meetings of the State Central Committee may be called by the Chair or by the State Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** Emergency State Central Committee meetings may be called by twenty five (25%) percent of the Delegates of the State Central Committee who must be from no fewer than three (3) Congressional Districts.

**Section 4.** Written notice of each State Central Committee meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed to each member at least ten (10) days in advance by the Party.

**Section 8.** Prior to the State Central Committee meeting each candidate ~~shall~~ **must** 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 candidate.

A. All candidates for the office of State Party Chair and State Party Deputy Chair, subsequent to their interview with the Nominations Committee, will authorize the Nominations Committee to obtain a criminal background check. This criminal background check must be obtained prior to the Nominations Committee report to the State Central Committee. The Nominations Committee has a duty to obtain the authorized criminal background checks.

B. The authorization signed by candidates for the office of State Party Chair and State Party Deputy Chair must allow all criminal convictions disclosed in their criminal background checks to be disclosed to the State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates prior to any vote to elect the State Party Chair or the State Party Deputy Chair.

**Section 9.** 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 10. ~~There shall be at least two (2) State Central Committee meetings per year.~~ There shall be at least one (1) State Central Committee meeting per year. Additional meetings may be called by the party Chair, Executive Committee or State Central Delegates as specified in the Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

### ARTICLE III -- State Executive Committee

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.

H. A delegate or alternate receiving a copy of the State Central Committee list agrees to use the list only for the purposes authorized in the list agreement. Abuse of the State Central Committee list may result in Party discipline, including but not limited to removal of the delegate or alternate.

### 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.~~ No person shall be a State Party Officer and at the same time hold the office of: Congressional District Party Officer, Congressional District Representative on State Executive Committee, BPOU Chair.

Section 4. All contracts obligating the Party...

A. Any contract that is likely to obligate the Party to an amount greater than ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$9,000.00 during any calendar year (including multiple contracts with a single entity or person that in the aggregate could meet the ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$9,000.00 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~~ eighteen months must be approved by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE VIII -- Caucus Participation

Section 4. If same or similar language is adopted within the MN GOP Constitution, the language in the Constitution has overriding authority.