



Proposed Convention Rules

1. **Robert's Rules (*Current Edition*)** will be used to guide the conduct of this convention. The purpose of these rules are to ensure that meetings proceed with clarity, structure, and decorum.
2. **Delegate Seating:** This convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates selected at precinct caucuses that were held within Senate District 42 on February 3, 2026. The Credentials Committee shall seat all duly elected and accredited delegates of each precinct who are present. In the event that no delegates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee shall seat all accredited alternate delegates from that precinct.

For this convention, the SD42 Executive Committee has amended Section 6.07 Section D of the SD42 Constitution to read as follows: "If a BPOU precinct has any vacancies that cannot be filled by alternate delegates from the same precinct, then **cross seating will be permitted.**" The intent of the amendment is to ensure maximum participation of all delegates and alternates who are present.

3. **Motions:** Delegates will wait to be recognized by the Chair of the Convention before addressing the convention or making a motion for the convention to be considered. Upon being recognized, delegates will provide a concise statement of the motion and its intended purpose.
4. **Discussion:** Two speakers will be given two minutes each to speak in favor of a motion. Two speakers will each be given two minutes to speak in opposition to a motion. Speakers will alternate beginning with the speaker in favor of the motion.
5. **Decisions:** Motions will be decided by voice vote. If a delegate is in favor of a motion say "Aye." If a delegate is opposed to a motion say "No." If Division is called, delegates will rise to show whether they support or oppose a motion.

6. Election of Delegates & Alternates to CD3 and the Republican Party of Minnesota

SD42 is allocated 26 delegates and 26 alternates to the conventions of the Third Congressional District (CD3) and the Republican Party of Minnesota (RPM). As stated in the Official Convention Call, delegates and delegate-alternates elected during precinct caucuses to the SD42 Convention were allowed to self-nominate and express their interest in representing SD42 as delegates and alternates to the referenced conventions.

7. The SD42 Executive Committee established **Sunday, March 8, 2026** as the deadline to self-nominate by submitting an application to be considered for election as a CD3 and RPM delegate. **Nominations to be a delegate from the floor of the convention will be ruled out of order.**

8. Voting:

- a. Voting for CD3 and RPM Delegates and Alternates will be conducted by written ballot.
- b. Delegate Candidates will be given one minute to address the convention prior to voting.
- c. Delegates who are not elected as CD3 and RPM Delegates will be Alternates. Alternates will be rank-ordered according to the votes they receive during the initial balloting.

9. **The following sections of the SD42 GOP Constitution - Article IV (BPOU Elections) and Article VI (Senate District (SD) Conventions) - are extracted for reference purposes of this convention:**

Section 4.04 State Party and Third Congressional District Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates

State Party and Third Congressional District delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected at an even year BPOU convention by the respective BPOU delegates elected at the most recent BPOU precinct caucuses (subject to the specific rules adopted for and the Nominating Committee standards of the BPOU convention). Alternate delegates from these BPOU convention elections shall be ranked for seating purposes at the State Party and Third Congressional District (CD3) conventions.

Section 6.01 Regular Conventions

Conventions shall be held each year during the period and for the purpose designated by the official call issued by the respective Senate District Executive Committee. The time, place, and method of these conventions will be determined by the SD42 Executive Committee.

Section 6.04 Convention Committees

Prior to each convention, the Executive Committee may appoint members to the following convention committees (including a Nominating Committee, a Rules Committee, a Credentials Committee, and such other committees as may be necessary or desirable):

Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of establishing standards for the convention with respect to the qualification and nomination of candidates for the various elected positions.

Rules Committee. A Rules Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of supporting the orderly administration of, and conduct with respect to, the convention, and to provide a report at the SD42 convention on its activities.

Credentials Committee. A Credentials Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of collecting convention registration fees and verifying the credentials for, and seating of, the respective delegates or alternate delegates to the convention, and to provide a report at the convention on its activities.

Elections Committee. An Elections Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of administering the voting processes, including establishing and overseeing ballot judges or tellers in connection with ballot integrity and vote counting, and providing a report at the SD42 District convention on its activities.

Sergeant-at-Arms. A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed for the purpose of monitoring and securing access to the convention, and to report to the convention-elected Temporary Chair.

Constitution Committee. A Constitution Committee may be appointed for the purposes of adopting or amending the SD Constitution at the SD convention.

Resolutions Committee. A Resolutions Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of reviewing and presenting those resolutions passed at the SD precinct caucuses most recently preceding the SD convention, and to provide a report at the SD convention on its activities.

Section 6.05 First Order of Business

At all Conventions, the first (1st) order of business shall be the preliminary credentials report. The convention shall then proceed to the seating of the delegates, as outlined in Article VI, Section 6.06.

A precinct shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each delegate, or alternate delegate(s) (as the case may be), present and seated.

Section 6.06 Seating Delegates at an SD Convention

A BPOU convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates selected at precinct caucuses within Senate District 42. The ratio to allocate delegates shall be uniform throughout the Senate District.

The Credentials Committee shall seat all duly elected and accredited delegates of each precinct who are present. In the event no delegates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee shall seat all accredited alternate delegates from that precinct.

Section 6.07 Filling Delegate Vacancies at the BPOU Convention

Vacancies shall be filled according to the following procedures:

- A) The BPOU precincts shall caucus after acceptance of the preliminary Credentials Committee report. If the BPOU Chair is not present, then the seated delegates shall elect a chair and proceed to fill the vacancies.
- B) Vacancies shall be filled by the alternate delegates in the order in which they were ranked by the BPOU caucus. If the alternate delegates are not ranked, then they shall be selected by vote of the seated delegates.
- C) If a delegate leaves the convention floor, an alternate delegate may be seated at the discretion of that BPOU precinct's chair.

Section 6.08 Candidate Endorsements at a SD Convention

A motion to endorse candidates for State Senator (Senate District 42), State House Representative (House District 42A), and State Representative (House District 42B) will be in order at any BPOU convention in the years when these elections occur. This motion must carry by a majority vote.

The BPOU convention may endorse a candidate for office of State Senator. Endorsement shall be by sixty (60) percent of the voting strength of the convention as determined by the final credentials report.