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The Ottawa County Republican Delegation met for County Convention on February 26, 2026 as is required by MCL 168.622, at Central Park Place in Grand Haven. One hundred and thirty-six voting delegates were present. We gaveled in at 7 pm.

Early on, Chair Joel Studebaker shared he was contacted by both AG candidates and also all three SOS candidates. A motion was made from the floor for all statements to be read to the body. Statements were read for both AG candidates, Doug Lloyd and Kevin Kijewski, as well as two SOS candidates, Amanda Love and Monica Yatooma. The third SOS candidate, Anthony Forlini, was there in person and was able to give his own statement. The body heard from all candidates. Also, two candidates running for Michigan's 31st Senate District, Kevin Maas and Michael Markey, spoke to the body. Additionally, both candidates for Ottawa 58th District Court/Holland Judge, Anna White and Paul Ledford, introduced themselves to the body.

The body then split into Caucus by Districts for 2, 3, 4. Slates of delegates were voted on to represent Ottawa County at MIGOP on March 28, 2026. These were passed in individual caucus. When the caucuses came back together as one body, the slates were accepted by the delegation unanimously. **The District 4 slate will include 57 Delegates and 6 alternates. The District 3 slate will include 30 Delegates and 9 alternates.**

Additionally there was a report from the Election Integrity Subcommittee Chair. After the report, a motion was made from the floor for the writing of an Election Integrity Resolution. The body agreed to create a subcommittee to write said resolution, which would be presented in the future at an executive committee meeting, at which point the Chair would take care of its distribution. Lastly, two citizens were elevated to become delegates, which passed unanimously.

An agenda item was discussed regarding the decision of last year's delegation on Jan. 31 to hold an endorsement convention in 2026 by the calendar date of April 30th. After discussion, the body understood that May was too early for this election cycle. A motion to hold the convention by the calendar date of July 3rd was unanimously adopted.

After a time of announcements, the body agreed to adjourn. It was a wonderful, productive evening. Thank you to all our hard-working delegates who did their civic duty by attending and voting. We also thank the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Administration Subcommittee, as well as the Hospitality Subcommittee for all of their work to ensure the successful outcome of this Convention.

***After Convention concluded on 2/26, 2026, the date of June 2, 2026 was decided for Endorsement.**