



HD 27A Convention 2025 - **Proposed** Rules

Section 1: GENERAL

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 12th Ed.* (“RONR”), shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Official Call of this convention, or the rules adopted by this convention. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the Convention Chair to assist in the interpretation of the rules. The final authority for all decisions is the responsibility of the Convention Chair (subject to appeal in accordance with RONR).
2. The order of business of this convention shall be as stated in the 2025 Convention Agenda. The sequence of events may be changed at the discretion of the meeting Chair, hereafter referred to as the Chair.
3. A quorum shall consist of 15% of the duly elected delegates who must come from no fewer than 3 precincts. Once a quorum has been established, it shall remain until adjournment of the meeting. Any further question as to the quorum shall be ruled as out of order.
4. These rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.
5. The agenda, once adopted, shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the meeting.
6. All publications and documents intended for distribution on the convention floor or within the building where the convention is being held must contain a disclosure clearly identifying the person or organization responsible for the contents of the publication, including the author’s name and contact information. Any material not having appropriate disclosure will be confiscated by the sergeant-at-arms and the person or persons distributing the material will be removed for the remainder of the convention.
7. Please silence cell phones.
8. There shall be no electronic recording unless approved by the convention Chair.
9. The Chair shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the convention, or other behavior contradictory to the good order of the convention.
10. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the convention floor.

Section 2: SEATING OF DELEGATES

11. The permanent role of the convention shall consist of the duly elected delegates of each precinct who are actually present.

12. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of seated delegates.
13. Any delegate must be registered with the Credentials Committee no later than the time specified on the meeting call for the closing of registration.

Section 3: SPEAKING

14. Only delegates or seated delegates will be allowed to speak on their own behalf.
15. Delegates or seated alternates wishing to speak shall first rise, address the Chair and when recognized by the Chair, state his or her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he or she rises.
16. Elected officials, party officers and invited guests may be recognized and given the privilege of speaking for up to five (5) minutes each. Time given shall be at the discretion of the Chair.
17. Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. A timekeeper shall be appointed by the Chair to ensure all time limitations specified within these rules are observed. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once upon the same subject until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.
18. At the Chair's discretion, a speaker may be allowed to speak a second time on an issue. The Chair will seek to alternate opinions on either side of an issue. If no opposing perspective is present, the speaker may close the discussion.
19. The Chair may recognize visitors and give them the privilege of speaking for up to five (5) minutes.

Section 4: VOTING

20. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote except as herein provided:
 - a. A rising vote or division shall be taken at the discretion of the Chair or if requested by one (1) of the seated delegates.
21. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
22. A paper ballot shall be used for all contested elections. A ballot with printed names may be used provided all requirements from the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution are met.
23. The chair of each precinct shall distribute and collect the ballots from the delegates of their precinct, verify the ballots as to number and deposit them with the tellers. The precinct chair shall not open or count the ballots for their precinct; only official tellers shall open and count the ballots.

Section 5: ELECTION OF STATE CENTRAL DELEGATES (4) AND ALTERNATES (8)

24. Voting for State Central convention delegates and alternates will be by secret ballot.
25. One (1) ballot will be provided with the names of all candidates. The four (4) candidates with the most votes will become delegates. The next eight (8) candidates with the most votes will become alternates, who shall be numbered in order of votes received.

26. Any registered delegate to the HD27A convention who desires to become a delegate to the State Central convention shall self-nominate his or her self by appearing before the body of the convention at the appropriate time, requesting their name be placed on the ballot, and given one (1) minute to state his or her name, precinct, and the reasons why he or she wishes to be a delegate.
27. The Chair shall appoint the Chief Teller and additional tellers as needed.
28. The Sergeant-at-arms will be assigned to the Chief Teller during the voting process.

Section 6: ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS

29. As notified in the Official Call for this convention, candidates interested in a BPOU officer role must notify the Nominations Chair at the email address provided in the Call or in person, no later than 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Convention.
30. Each person seeking an office shall understand the duties of that position and be willing to fulfill them.
31. The Nominations Committee shall report the names of all qualified candidates to the Chair.
32. Unqualified Nominees shall collect five (5) signatures from registered delegates and present them to the Chair before the election of their desired office begins.
33. Nominations need not be seconded.
34. Nominating speeches for candidates shall not exceed three (3) minutes for Chair and Deputy Chair positions. Seconding speeches shall be included in the time allotted for nominating speeches.
35. If there are more than two (2) candidates running for an office and no candidate receives a majority of the ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be eliminated from the ensuing ballots.
36. The Convention may divide into regions before balloting to elect any candidate for that region. Only those delegates residing in the candidate's region may vote in his/her election.
37. Any candidate who receives a majority vote shall be considered elected.

Section 7: RECESS

38. In the event the Convention votes to recess rather than adjourn, the Chair of the Convention, prior to the vote on the question, shall announce that the only delegates and alternates eligible to register for the reconvened Convention are those delegates and alternates registered as of the last Credentials Committee report of the original Convention.

-END RULES-