

Bylaws

of the Republican Committee of Minnesota Senate District 36

(Initially Approved February 7, 2015 at the SD36 convention)

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In General

These Bylaws are intended to extend and clarify the Senate District Constitution and may not be in conflict with it.

These Bylaws may be modified by the Executive Committee with the consent of the Full Committee.

BPOU is Basic Political Organizing Unit and is generally interchangeable with Senate District or Senate District Committee.

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Affirmation

All candidates for positions of Officer, Vice Chair, or membership on the Full Committee, all those seeking appointment to various positions on the Executive Committee, those seeking to be elected as delegates to higher level conventions, those representing the BPOU at higher level committees, and all candidates seeking Endorsement or Recommendation (whether or not such Endorsement or Recommendation shall be granted) shall publicly make the following Affirmation:

“I support the Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

“I will work for Victory for Republican Candidates and Principles.

“I will not publicly support any opponent of a Republican Candidate.

“I expect the same of Republican Candidates, Elected Officials, and Party Leadership at all levels.”

Note: “support” does not mean “agree with every aspect of.” Support means that you consider the Republican party platform to be most in line with your own political beliefs and that you will work through procedures established by the Republican party to modify it as may be necessary from time to time.

List Access Agreement

The Senate District shall maintain a spreadsheet or other data management structure containing information about caucus attendees, delegates, alternates, volunteers and other local citizens in order to advance the purpose of the Senate District. Such dataset shall be referred to as “The List.” Access to The List is granted ONLY for the purposes of advancing the goals of SD36GOP and by extension the goals of the Republican Party of Minnesota. A separate agreement may be created to enforce the intent of this section and its contents shall be as valid as these Bylaws.

Role of those holding Public Office

A primary purpose of the Senate District organization is to elect Republicans to public office. Once in public office, that duty shall be the primary political focus of the office holder. Therefore, those holding public office may not hold any elected or appointed position within the BPOU.

Republicans holding public office are eligible to participate on the Full Committee, consistent with the Senate District Constitution, and in general to keep local Republicans apprised of current public policy issues.

Permanent Candidate Search Committee

The Senate District organization shall maintain a permanent committee of between 5 and 11 members, including the BPOU Chair, whose role shall be to seek out and vet candidates at all levels, including the Minnesota Legislature, city councils, school boards, city commissions, Soil & Water and any other elected or appointed positions which Republicans might fill.

Members of this committee may be approved at conventions or Full Committee meetings and may serve indefinitely at the pleasure of the BPOU Chair.

Endorsement and Recommendation of Candidates

Candidates for the legislature shall be Endorsed in the manner specified in the Senate District Constitution, after evaluation by and approval of the Permanent Candidate Search Committee.

Candidates for local office may be Recommended by the Full Committee in collaboration with the Permanent Candidate Search Committee and neighboring BPOUs.

Endorsements and Recommendations are valid from the moment they are made until the conclusion of the election contest for which they were made, whether a Primary, General or Special Election.

Endorsements and Recommendations for regular elections may not occur prior to the first BPOU convention of the calendar year in which the election will occur. Special elections may be addressed on an ad hoc basis.

Campaign contributions from the BPOU shall be made only to those currently Endorsed or Recommended in the manner described above. Neither those who have been previously Endorsed or Recommended nor those currently seeking Endorsement or Recommendation shall be permitted to receive BPOU funds.

Additional financial assistance may be provided to support post-election challenges such as recounts, as determined by the Full Committee.

Current office holders who gained that status while Endorsed or Recommended by SD36GOP shall be granted access to our delegate list and may use it to solicit contributions, subject to the following guidelines:

Agreement with the terms of the List Access Agreement,
Intention to seek Endorsement or Recommendation for re-election
to the same office,
Continuing to abide by the preceding Affirmation, and
With the ongoing consent of the Full Committee

Guidelines for Expenditures of Senate District Funds

In choosing how to use Senate district funds, priority shall be given to projects that advance the Republican brand or that support our candidates broadly, rather than directly contributing to candidate's campaigns.

Appointments by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee may appoint as many individuals to as many positions as may be deemed necessary to achieve its purpose. These positions serve at the pleasure of the chair and may include:

Volunteer Coordinator
Fundraising Director
Data Support Coordinator
GOTV (Get out the vote) Kingpin
Election Integrity Manager
Event Planner / Hospitality Lead
Credentials Coordinator
Social Networking Geek
LTE (Letters To the Editor) Overseer

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6 *administrator, admiral, adviser, big guy, big person, big cheese, boss, captain, chair, chief, colonel, commander, commissioner,*
7 *comptroller, conductor, controller, dictator, director, exec, executive, executive officer, general, governor, handler, head, head*
8 *honcho, head person, helmer, key player, kingpin, lead, leader, major, master, number one, officer, official, organizer, overseer,*
9 *person upstairs, player, plowman, principal, producer, proprietor, quarterback, respect mah authoritah!, second banana, skipper,*
10 *slavedriver, straw boss, superintendent, supervisor, supreme, thesauran, top dog, top person, whip, zookeeper*

11 The Executive Committee may appoint individuals within specific precincts
12 to assist with, or if necessary, assume the duties of precinct officers. Such
13 an appointment shall be affirmed at the next Senate District convention.
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15 **Leadership Positions Qualifications**

16 All members of the full committee must meet common sense residency
17 requirements.
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19 “Delegates” in this section shall be understood to include Alternates.
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21 Executive Committee primary Officers (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and
22 Secretary must also be Delegates to the Senate District Convention.
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24 Vice Chairs *should* be delegates, unless no delegate can be found willing
25 to so serve.
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27 Appointed positions need not be filled by delegates.
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29 Precinct level officers need not be delegates.
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31 **Clarifications related to article III, Section 4 of the SD36 GOP Constitution:**

32 Authority for this section is granted in III.4.F. “Senate District Bylaws will be
33 used to clarify or resolve controversies arising from this section.”
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35 Partisan offices include any Federal office or any Minnesota Constitutional
36 or Legislative office for which candidates are generally identified by political
37 party and to which one must generally be elected.
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39 Non-Partisan offices include mayor, city council, county board, school
40 board, park district, judicial district, watershed or soil districts, or other
41 positions in government to which one must generally be elected and for
42 which political party designations are not generally used. This applies
43 whether or not one is appointed to the position.
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"Public Action" includes registering a campaign committee, accepting donations that invoke reporting requirements with the Campaign Finance Board, or announcing the candidacy at an open event.

"Operational Position" refers only to a paid or unpaid position on the official Campaign Committee, as reported to the Campaign Finance Board, of a candidate for Partisan office. For purposes of these bylaws, an operational position cannot exist until the candidate has taken a public action as defined above.

Candidacy for Partisan office is incompatible with holding a position on the Executive committee. *Holding* partisan office is likewise incompatible.

Candidacy for non-partisan office *may* be incompatible with holding a position on the Executive Committee. Therefore, any member of the Executive Committee contemplating such candidacy shall keep the Full Committee apprised of same. By motion and second, the Full Committee *may* require a two thirds vote for the candidate to remain on the Executive Committee.

Applying to fill a non-partisan vacancy (such as for a city council or school board position) shall create no concerns until and unless the individual is actually appointed to said position. In such cases, the section "Role of those holding Public Office" in these Bylaws shall control. Those applying for such vacancies, who are members of the Executive Committee, shall keep the Full Committee informed of same.

Conventions (local)

Prior to conventions, the following committees may be necessary:

- Rules
- Resolutions
- Credentials and Registration
- Constitution & Bylaws
- Candidate Search
- Officer Search
- Delegate Search
- Tellers (may assume the functions of the Delegate Search Committee)

Each committee shall have at least one member of the Executive Committee and one other delegate or alternate.

Delegates and Alternates are expected to pay the full price of attending conventions, regardless of any volunteer task assumed during that same convention.

There shall be no charge for out of district volunteers at BPOU conventions, including no charge for meals.

Other volunteers are expected to pay the guest charge.

A pool of volunteers for upstream conventions should be maintained.

The Chair and Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the lists of delegates to the senate district, to CD3 and state, to Judicial District, and to state central are maintained throughout the respective terms, and that the lists are provided to CD3 leadership.

Associated Documents (maintained separately)

- SD36 GOP Constitution
- List Access Agreement
- Statement of Identity
- Marketing Strategy
- Historical Amalgamation of Miscellaneous Documents