

# CONSTITUTION OF THE KANDIYOHI COUNTY REPUBLICANS

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The Kandiyohi County Republican Party welcomes into its party all Minnesotans who live in Kandiyohi County who are concerned with the implementation of honest, efficient, responsive government. The party believes in these principles as stated in the Declaration of Independence: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, it is the party committed to equal representation and opportunity for all and preservation of the rights of each individual. It is the purpose of this constitution to ensure that the party provides equal opportunity for full participation in our civic life for all Kandiyohi County residents who believe in these principles regardless of age, race, sex, religion, social or economic status.

## **ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECT**

### **Section 1.**

The name of this organization shall be the Kandiyohi County Republican Party of Minnesota or also known as: The Kandiyohi County Republicans or The Kandiyohi County BPOU; hereinafter referenced as the BPOU or the Kandiyohi BPOU, County BPOU, (BPOU) (PARTY). BPOU means 'Basic Political Organizing Unit'.

### **Section 2.**

The objectives of the Kandiyohi County Republicans shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. To secure the election of an endorsed Republican Congressional Candidate.
- B. To cooperate with, coordinate, initiate and support the activities of the Republican Party organizations within the Seventh (7th) Congressional District (CD7), and to maintain liaison among those organizations and the Republican Party of Minnesota.
- C. To organize and maintain a Republican Party organization within Kandiyohi County. It shall assist in finding, training, endorsing, recommending, and electing candidates for all levels of public office.

## **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

### **Section 1.**

The membership of the BPOU shall be composed of all citizens of Kandiyohi County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party.

### **Section 2.**

Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

### **Section 3.**

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any party caucus, primary or convention, where he/she is entitled by law to participate.

## **ARTICLE III: MANAGEMENT**

The management of the affairs of the party within the BPOU shall be vested in the Kandiyohi County Republicans Executive Committee along with the BPOU Full Committee, subject to the direction of Minnesota State Republican Party and the Seventh (7th) Congressional District (CD7) authorities as to matters within the scope of their respective functions.

## **ARTICLE IV: KANDIYOHI COUNTY REPUBLICAN (BPOU) FULL COMMITTEE AND DUTIES**

### **Section 1. Duty of the Full Committee**

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU Full Committee (Kandiyohi County Republican Bylaws [Article II, Section 1]) to assist all endorsed Republicans seeking public office within their respective units, to expand the membership of the party within their respective units, and to organize or cause to organize each ward, precinct, or other voting district in their unit and to assist those endorsed and recommended Republican or like-minded candidates for office.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU Full Committee to assist in training endorsed or recommended candidates and their campaigns in how to run for office.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU Full Committee to inform individuals of upcoming legislation (as in updates from our elected officials), or in Forums that include topics that support the Republican Platform or assist in getting people active in supporting our Republican values.

### **Section 2. Meetings of the Full Committee**

- A. Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee or at the request of a majority of members of the Full Committee.
- B. Meetings are open to the public and may include a fee to cover costs or as a fundraiser to support current endorsed or recommended candidates, current endorsed or recommended public officials, or the function of the BPOU.

## **ARTICLE V: KANDIYOHI COUNTY REPUBLICANS (BPOU) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Election of officers shall take place at the regular Kandiyohi County Convention in the odd-numbered years by Delegates and seated Alternates that were elected at the even-numbered year caucuses. Executive Committee members must reside within the Kandiyohi County District and be eligible to vote in the district but need not be current Delegates or Alternates to the Convention. No person shall be a Kandiyohi Executive Committee member and a State Party Officer at the same time. The duties associated with these positions are detailed in the Kandiyohi County Bylaws [Article IV].

### **Section 1. Executive Committee Membership**

- A. Elected Officers: Chairperson (Chair), Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.
- B. Appointed Vice Chairs: Consisting of Eight (8) to Twelve (12) positions to be appointed by the Executive Committee as the positions need filled.

### **Section 2. BPOU Executive Committee Meetings**

- A. The Executive Committee will determine the frequency of its meeting. The time and place of each regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee in a written form of mail, email, text message, phone call or any other means deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair or at the request of any two (2) Executive Committee members thereof for the purpose of conduction of Party business in the interim between meetings of the County Executive Committee.
  - 1. For the purposes of conducting business the presence of 50% or a majority of the officers of the County Executive Committee shall be considered a quorum.
- C. The members of the Executive Committee may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee by any means of communication as stated in the Kandiyohi County Republican Bylaws [Article III, Section 4]. For the purpose of establishing a quorum and taking any action at the meeting, a member participating in the meeting will be deemed present.
- D. The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee may set up subcommittees to assist them in the care of the BPOU. These can be either standing committees or temporary committees at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Examples would be Outreach/Communications, Campaign,

Leadership/Development, Constitution/Bylaws, Finance, Events, Parade, Nominations, Convention, or any others that are necessary to meet the objectives of the BPOU. Those committees may be made up of a minimum of one (1) or two (2) members of the Executive Committee but may also include any person who is a Republican within the Kandiyohi District. Members of a subcommittee do not have to be a Delegate or an Alternate.

## **ARTICLE VI: KANDIYOHI COUNTY REPUBLICANS COUNTY CONVENTION**

The Kandiyohi Republican County has a unique feature in that it is not just the BPOU, it is also a County. Therefore, it is run by the Kandiyohi County Republican Constitution and the Kandiyohi County Convention Rules as well as the [State Party Constitution, Article V, Sections 1, 2, and 3, and Article VIII].

### **Section 1. Composition**

The County Convention shall be composed of Delegates and seated Alternates elected from their various caucuses held in Kandiyohi County every general election year as required by Minnesota Statutes. The number of Delegates and Alternates at each convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be determined by the county committee, under the direction of the State Party, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the county and shall be based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the past preceding statewide general election; or if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President. Special caucuses for one or more precincts may be called by the Kandiyohi Executive Committee in the manner prescribed by Statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies in precincts where such exist at the time of notice.

### **Section 2. Time and Place of Convention**

The Kandiyohi County Convention shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State Central Committee and at the call of the Kandiyohi County Executive Committee and at such other times and for such other purposes as the Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee may determine. The Convention shall precede the CD7 and any State Conventions. The Executive Committee shall determine the place for holding the county convention and shall give ten (10) days' notice to Delegates and Alternates. When the Convention is determined for date and place, that information needs to be shared with the CD7 and the State Party.

### **Section 3. Registration**

- A. Registration fees may be assessed by Delegates and Alternates as well as any guests attending a Convention.
- B. Prepayment and pre-registration may be done before the day of the Convention. But the official registration is not done until the time designated on the call letter and at the site of the Convention.
- C. Once a Delegate or a seated Alternate has registered for the Convention, he/she remains part of the voting strength of the Convention even if he/she leaves the Convention prior to the Convention's official adjournment.
- D. A Convention may close registration of Delegates and Alternates only if the Convention call states the time at which registration will close. If the call states a registration closing time the Convention may permit a later closing time for registration or may require the Convention to remain open regardless of the language in the call.

## **ARTICLE VII: GENERAL COUNTY CONVENTION, ODD-YEAR BUSINESS**

The County Convention shall transact such business as is specified in the call of the Convention and any other business properly brought before the Convention. In addition to other business, the objectives of the Convention shall include:

## **Section 1. Election of Kandiyohi County Republicans (BPOU) Executive Officers**

Election of officers shall take place at the regular Kandiyohi County Convention in the odd-numbered years by Delegates and seated Alternates elected at even-year caucuses. Officers must reside within the Kandiyohi County District and be eligible to vote in the district but need not be Delegates or Alternates to the Convention. No person shall be a Kandiyohi County Officer, and a State Party Officer at the same time. The duties associated with these positions are detailed in the Kandiyohi County Bylaws, [Article IV].

### **A. Executive Committee Elections**

1. The Executive Committee Officers, Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected for a two (2) year term or until their successors have been elected by the County Convention held during each odd-numbered year.
2. A majority of the votes cast of those seated Delegates and Alternates shall be required for election of any office.
3. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the County Executive Committee in advance of the County Convention.
4. Nominations shall be submitted for consideration by the Nominating Committee at the county convention.
5. Nominations may also be made from the floor.
6. Candidates considered for office by the Nominating Committee shall be those who would be most able qualified for the performance of their respective duties in the event of their election to a Kandiyohi County office.
7. All Nominees must give verbal or written consent prior to the election.
8. All nominees or candidates should submit a verbal or written resume, stating experience in the Republican Party, place of work, verify they live within the boundaries of the county, state if they are a registered voter in the Kandiyohi County District, state if there is anything in their background that could cause concern and agree to vote and support, to the best of their ability, all endorsed Republican Candidates within Kandiyohi County. The Nominations Committee may choose additional questions as appropriate.
9. The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention those candidates who have met the legal qualifications of Kandiyohi County Republicans Constitution Article V, Section 1 and whether the Nominating Committee deems the candidates to be qualified, qualified with reservations, or unqualified. Their determination does not remove the candidate from the ballot. The candidate may choose to answer an unqualified determination of the Committee to the Convention.
10. Elections are to be done by secret ballot. If there is only one name submitted for an office, the Seated Delegates and Alternates may vote to do a standing ballot.

## **Section 2. Delegates and Alternates for State Central**

Elections of Delegates and Alternates for State Central shall be elected in odd-numbered years at the BPOU Convention, and that number will be determined under provisions of the State Party Constitution, [Article VI, Section 1, A]. Alternates elected to the State Central shall be seated in the rank order of their election. See BPOU Bylaws, [Article V]. Elected State Central Delegates and Alternates will hold their position for two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected.

### **A. Nominations**

1. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
2. Seconds to the nomination are not necessary.
3. Nominees shall state if they are willing and able to serve as a Delegate or Alternate.
4. Nomination or Acceptance speeches may not exceed one (1) minute in length.

### **B. Procedure for Voting**

1. Delegates and seated Alternates shall indicate on a written secret ballot the names of allowable Delegates and Alternates from the BPOU to State Central Committee.

2. All ballots shall have no more than the total number of Delegates and Alternates as allowed by the State Party.
3. Any ballot having voted for more than the allowed number shall be declared spoiled.
4. Any ballot having the same name written more than once on the ballot shall be declared spoiled.
5. The allowable number of nominees receiving the highest vote totals will be designated the official Delegates to State Central.
6. The nominees receiving the next highest totals will be designated official Alternates.
7. If any nominee receives enough votes to be designated a Delegate and wishes to be an Alternate that person may choose to be listed as an Alternate and the Alternate with the next highest vote total shall assume the Delegate position.
8. All ties will be decided by secret ballot or by any other mutual agreement between the tied nominees.
9. All Delegates and Alternates, even if not elected, shall be ranked and recorded in the minutes. If a Delegate or Alternate becomes ineligible and/or not able to serve out their full tenure, the next person in the ranking is eligible to move up. The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, has the authority to appoint someone that is eligible if none of the remaining ranked members are available or eligible.

## **ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL COUNTY CONVENTION, EVEN-YEAR BUSINESS, RESOLUTIONS**

### **Section 1. Resolutions**

At the Even-Year Caucus, attendees may submit resolutions that they would like to see added to the Party Platform. All Resolutions that are approved at the Caucus level move onto the even-year county convention. The Kandiyohi County Executive Committee will appoint a Resolutions Committee to sort the resolutions, edit where needed, and organize them into categories. At the County Convention they are discussed and those that are approved are sent on to CD7 for their Resolution Committee.

- A. Additional Resolutions may be submitted from the floor at the County Convention to be voted on.
- B. A majority vote is only needed to pass on a Resolution.
- C. Once approved, the Resolutions Committee will send these on to CD7 with any adjustments that were made at the county convention.

## **ARTICLE IX: ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO CD7 AND STATE CONVENTION, EVEN-YEAR**

Delegates and Alternates from the Kandiyohi County BPOU to the CD7 Convention and State Conventions shall be elected at the Kandiyohi County Convention in general election, even-years and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected. The Kandiyohi County BPOU may elect up to twice as many Alternates as the number of Delegates allotted. The qualifications to be elected a Delegate or Alternate are residence in the electing unit and being a legal and qualified voter in the next general election.

### **Section 1. Elections at Even-Year**

- A. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
- B. Only one nomination may be allowed at a time for each recognized candidate.
- C. Seconds to the nominations are not necessary.
- D. Nominees shall state if they are willing and able to serve as a Delegate or Alternate.
- E. E. If they are not present, a letter stating willingness and ability to serve as Delegate or Alternate to the State and CD7 Conventions must be presented.
- F. Nominations and acceptance speeches may not exceed one (1) minute in length.

## **Section 2. Procedure for Voting and Counting Ballots**

- A. Delegates and seated Alternates shall indicate on a written secret ballot the names of allowable Delegates from the BPOU to CD7 and State Conventions.
- B. All ballots shall have no more than the number of names allotted for the BPOU.
- C. Any ballot having a name listed more than once will be considered invalid.
- D. Any ballot having voted for more than the allotted number shall be declared spoiled.
- E. The allowable number of nominees from the BPOU receiving the highest vote totals will be designated the official Delegates from the Kandiyohi BPOU.
- F. The nominees receiving the next highest totals will be designated official Alternates.
- G. If any nominee receives enough votes to be designated a Delegate and wished to be an Alternate that person may choose to be listed as an Alternate and the Alternate with the next highest vote total shall assume the official Delegate position.
- H. All ties will be decided by secret ballot or by any other mutual agreement between the tied nominees.
- I. All Delegates and Alternates, even if not elected, shall be ranked and recorded in the minutes. If a Delegate or Alternate becomes ineligible and/or not able to serve out their full tenure, the next person in the ranking is eligible to move up. The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, has the authority to appoint someone that is eligible if none of the remaining ranked members are available or eligible.

## **Section 3. Seating Delegates and Alternates at County Convention**

- A. The Convention shall be composed of any Delegates or Alternates elected by members of the Party in respective election precincts of the county as provided by Minnesota Law.
- B. The number of allowed Delegates and Alternates of each County Convention shall be determined by the State Republican Party.
- C. Nothing shall prohibit a duly elected and otherwise qualified Delegate to serve as such at the County Convention even though not personally present at the caucus, at the time of their election in the precinct caucus.
- D. Delegates will be seated as they are registered, or until registration closes as stated on the call letter.
- E. Once the temporary organization has been established, the next order of business of the convention shall be the seating of Alternates. The permanent voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the Delegates of each Precinct who actually are present, and in the absence of any Delegate to the convention, an Alternate shall be seated in her/her stead.
- F. The Credentials Committee shall seat all duly accredited Delegates of each precinct who are in attendance and present their credentials prior to the time stated in the Convention Call.
- G. In the event no Delegates and no Alternates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee shall seat any accredited Alternates from any precinct indicating which Delegates they replace.
- H. If there are enough open Delegate seats for all of the Alternates that are in attendance, the seated Delegates may choose to accept them as a whole group to be seated.
- I. If a Delegate or Alternate arrives after registration is closed, they are not able to be seated but they may stay to observe. As an observer, they are still able to run for office or as a Delegate or Alternate. They are just not a part of the voting process.

## **Section 4. Endorsed Status for Partisan Office Wholly Within the BPOU Boundaries**

- A. It shall first be determined by a majority vote whether endorsement shall be considered for an office.
- B. Any candidate must agree, prior to being considered for endorsement, to seek the office as a Republican.
- C. All candidates must be vetted by a nominations committee.
- D. All nominees or candidates should submit a verbal or written resume, stating experience in the Republican Party, place of work, verify they live within the boundaries of the county, state if they are a registered voter in the Kandiyohi County District, state if there is anything in their background that could cause concern and agree to vote and support, to the best of their ability, all endorsed Republican

Candidates within Kandiyohi County. The Nominations Committee may choose additional questions as appropriate.

- E. The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention those candidates who have met the legal qualifications of Kandiyohi County Republicans and whether the Nominating Committee deems the candidates to be recommended, recommended with reservations, or not recommended. Their determination does not remove the candidate from the ballot. The candidate may choose to answer a 'not recommended' determination of the Committee to the Convention.
- F. Voting on a candidate for endorsement for an office shall be by secret ballot. The convention or committee may decide by a sixty percent (60%) vote to endorse by a rising vote for an office for which there is only one candidate.
- G. Votes may be cast for any person who by law is eligible for elections to the office under consideration and who is eligible under this constitution to seek the endorsement, even though he/she has not been nominated or has withdrawn from nomination. Ballots may also be cast stating 'no preference' or 'undecided' or indicating 'no endorsement'. Blank ballots or abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ballots marked only 'x', or ballots cast for an ineligible person, or a fictional character shall not be included in determining the sixty percent (60%) vote needed for endorsement.
- H. A motion of no endorsement may be adopted by a majority vote. The rules of a convention may limit how often or when such a motion may be made. However, on any round of voting for endorsement, a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) or a majority of the votes on a voice vote (excluding abstentions) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'.
- I. Only one candidate may be endorsed per seat for a particular office.

## **Section 5. Recommended Status**

- A. Any candidate for any non-partisan elective public office may be recommended for office, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The office is wholly within the boundaries of the BPOU.
  - 2. The candidate shall be vetted by a Nominations Committee.
  - 3. All nominees or candidates should submit a verbal or written resume, stating experience in the Republican Party, place of work, verify they live within the boundaries of the county, state if they are a registered voter in the Kandiyohi County, state if there is anything in their background that could cause concern and agree to vote and support, to the best of their ability, all endorsed Republican Candidates within Kandiyohi County and support Republican Values. The Nominations Committee may choose additional questions as appropriate.
  - 4. The Nominations Committee shall report to the Executive Committee and/or the Kandiyohi County Convention, those candidates who have met the legal qualifications of Kandiyohi County Republicans and whether the Nominating Committee deems the candidates to be qualified, qualified with reservations, or not qualified. Their determination does not remove the candidate from the ballot. The candidate may choose to answer a 'not qualified' determination of the Committee to the Executive Committee or the Kandiyohi County Convention.
  - 5. The candidate shall receive a sixty percent (60%) vote of approval from the Executive Committee of the BPOU or if request is made at a convention, sixty percent (60%) of the voting strength of the convention as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee.
- B. Support for candidates that have been recommended, according to the procedure in this section, shall include the following:
  - 1. Access to voter information held by the Party, but limited to voters in the district represented by the office being sought and
  - 2. Any other resources available to the Party.
  - 3. The Executive Committee or the Convention may also choose to not recommend at all. If the candidate is not recommended, they would be ineligible to have access to any Party voter information.

## **ARTICLE X: DESIGNATING A REPLACEMENT**

If an elected Delegate or Alternate knows that they will not be present at a County, CD7, State Conventions or to State Central Committee to which they are elected, they shall have the right to fill the vacancy thereby created, from among the duly elected Alternates to such as County, CD7, State Conventions or State Central Committee.

- A. The Delegate shall certify to the Kandiyohi County Republicans Chair the selection of the Alternate to fill the vacancy created by the absence.
- B. Delegates elected may fill the vacancy from the pool of BPOU Alternates.
- C. Any vacancies created by the absence of elected Delegates from CD7 or State Conventions where such Delegates have not selected an Alternate or where such Alternate is not present, the vacancy shall be filled by Alternates as determined by the BPOU Chair or his/her designee at the Convention.
- D. The BPOU Chair or his/her designee shall have the power to determine the method or order of seating Alternates for existing vacancies or as vacancies occur.

## **ARTICLE XI: TRANSMITTAL OF DELEGATE AND OFFICER NAMES**

### **Section 1. County Conventions**

- A. The contact information of Delegates and Alternates for the Kandiyohi County Convention, CD7 and State Conventions shall be private, restricted information. This information may be provided to other Delegates and Alternates at the discretion of the County Executive Committee.
- B. The names of those persons elected as Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention, CD7 and State Conventions, State Central Delegates and Alternates, as well as those persons elected as Executive Committee members to the BPOU shall be forwarded to CD7 and the State Party.
- C. In compliance with the rules of the Republican National Convention, no Delegate or Alternate may be an automatic Delegate or Alternate. Each Delegate or Alternate must be elected by his/her respective convention. [State Constitution, Article V, Section 5, C].

### **Section 2. Precinct Caucuses**

The names and information of those persons elected as Delegates, Alternates and attendees to the Precinct Caucuses shall be forwarded to CD7 and State Party prior to the date specified by the CD7 and/or State Party.

## **ARTICLE XII: BPOU VACANCIES**

### **Section 1. Vacancy**

- A. A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of an officer, committee member, or upon his/her removal from the geographical area from which he/she was elected or his/her removal from the BPOU.
- B. Members of the Executive Committee may request a 'Leave of Absence' for any reason for up to six (6) months. The members of the Executive Committee would need to vote to accept that request or reject it. If the Executive Committee accepts the request, they have the choice to fill that position with a temporary appointment during the officer's absence. If they reject the 'Leave of Absence', the Executive Committee may fill the unexpired term.
- C. All vacancies of an officer or committee member may be filled for the unexpired term by the BPOU Executive Committee.

### **Section 2. Order of Appointment to a Vacancy of the Chair**

In the event of a vacancy of the Chair, the first in line for appointment for the remainder of the term would be the Deputy Chair, then the Treasurer, or the Secretary. If any of those members are unable or do not desire that position, then the Executive Committee may choose someone else to fill the temporary position

until the next election. Or the Executive Committee may call a Special Meeting of the Full Committee to appoint a new Chair to finish out the term.

### **ARTICLE XIII: VACANCIES IN PRECINCT OFFICES**

The BPOU Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee may provide for the appointment of an acting Precinct officer until an officer is duly elected at the next caucus.

### **ARTICLE XIV: VACANCIES OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO STATE CENTRAL, CD7, OR STATE CONVENTIONS**

A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of any Delegate or Alternate. Or a vacancy shall occur upon his/her removal from the geographical area from which he/she was elected or his/her removal from the BPOU.

- A. A vacancy of a Delegate shall be filled by an Alternate.
- B. If no qualified Alternate is able to accept the open Delegate position, then the next person from the list of ranked and recorded Delegates and Alternates that were not elected shall be attempted to be contacted in the order of their ranking to find out if they would be interested and if they are still qualified to fill the open vacancy. If none of the recorded Delegates and Alternates that were not elected are qualified or want the position, the Executive Committee has the authority to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy of the Delegate.
- C. Any appointed Alternate would be ranked at the end of the list of qualified Alternates.
- D. Any appointed positions would remain until the position can be duly elected at the next appropriate county convention.
- E. If the open seat occurs before the off-year election of that position and the Executive Committee hasn't yet filled that position, the open seat may be added to the Convention's agenda and voted on by special election to fill the remainder of the position.

### **ARTICLE XV: CAMPAIGN LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR RESIGNATION**

#### **Section 1. Notice of Campaign**

Members of the Executive Committee shall notify the Executive Committee prior to becoming a candidate.

#### **Section 2. Unendorsed Executive Committee Candidate**

Members of the Executive Committee, who become candidates for public office, and they are not asking for an endorsement or recommendation, may be given a leave of absence for up to the duration of the campaign by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 3. Endorsed or Recommended Executive Committee Candidate**

Members of the Executive Committee who become candidates for any public office and are asking for an endorsement or recommendation, must ask for a leave of absence for up to the duration of the campaign.

#### **Section 4. Elected Executive Committee Member**

If an Executive Committee member is elected to public office, they will need to resign from the Executive Committee and their remaining term will be up for appointment by the Executive Committee or up for election at the next County Convention.

## **ARTICLE XVI: REMOVALS**

### **Section 1. Delegate or Alternate**

Delegate or Alternate may be removed from their position, responsibilities and privileges including all Republican Conventions (County, District, State) and State Central Meetings for any of the following reasons:

- A. Failure to cooperate in carrying out the assigned duties of the position.
- B. Actively or publicly supporting a candidate of an opposition party, including an independent candidate, a third-party candidate, a write-in candidate, or actively or publicly supporting any candidate opposing an endorsed Republican candidate.

This can be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the BPOU Executive Committee, provided that the member whose removal is under consideration shall have been furnished with a detailed written statement of the charges against him/her at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, and provided further, that said member shall be entitled to answer the charges against him/her before the entire Committee, if he/she so desires, before the question is voted upon.

### **Section 2. Executive Committee Member**

A member of the Executive Committee may be removed from their position, responsibilities and privileges, including all Republican Conventions (County, District, State) and State Central Meetings for any of the following reasons:

- A. Failure to cooperate in carrying out the assigned duties of the position.
- B. Absent without cause for more than four (4) consecutive meetings.
- C. Actively or publicly supporting a candidate of an opposition party, including independent candidate, a third-party candidate, a write-in candidate, or actively or publicly supporting any candidate opposing an endorsed Republican candidate.

This can be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that the member whose removal is under consideration shall have been furnished with a detailed written statement of the charges against him/her at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, and provided further, that said member shall be entitled to answer the charges against him/her before the entire Committee, if he/she so desires, before the question is voted upon.

## **ARTICLE XVII: IMPROPER USE OF PARTY FUNDS**

No loan, in any form, may be made to any individual or party officer. In the event that any party officer or other individual at the BPOU converts to his/her own use any Republican Party funds, other party officers shall report such occurrence to the Chair of the BPOU and/or the State Party. They are to diligently encourage and assist all law enforcement personnel in prosecuting the violator to the full extent of the law and shall work diligently to recover the misappropriated party funds.

*NOTE: Any references in this document to the Minnesota State Party Constitution is referring to the 2022 version. Any references in this document to the Minnesota State Party Bylaws is referring to the 2024 version.*