

Proposed Changes to the SD57 Constitution—2/18/2017

<u>1</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Article VI-Meetings</u></p> <p>Section 1: Requirements:</p> <p>...</p> <p>E) Official decisions of the BPOU may be conducted by electronic voting, whether by e-mail, website application or other means, <u>and</u> may be used when the Executive Committee needs to reach a decision on short notice, providing that at least 51% of all voting members respond affirmatively <u>and without objection</u>. Such vote should be recorded by the Secretary as the minutes of a special meeting.</p>
	<p><i>This change simply brings the process in line with Roberts Rules.</i></p>
<u>2</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Article VII-BPOU Conventions</u></p> <p>Section 2: Order of Business</p> <p>In odd-numbered years items to be acted upon shall include:</p> <p>A) Election of BPOU officers;</p> <p>B) Election of delegates, and up to three alternates for each delegate, to State Central Committee;</p> <p>C) Proposed Changes to this Constitution;</p> <p>D) <u>Resolutions for changes to, or in support of, the State Party Action Agenda; and</u></p> <p>E) Any other matters which might fall within the jurisdiction of the Convention.</p>
	<p><i>The Action Agenda is intended to be created at each Convention level and to listen to the current concerns of the Grassroots of the Party. At the odd-year convention, we will accept resolutions that add to the list, or that reaffirm our priorities already on the list. Resolutions from our convention will be sent directly to our legislators, and also "rolled up" to the CD2 level and sent to the Congressman.</i></p>
<u>3</u>	<p>Section 5: Election of delegates to the State Convention</p> <p>Delegates and up to twice as many alternates to the Republican State and Congressional District Conventions shall be elected in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the State Republican Constitution, and shall continue as such until their successors are elected. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by House District at the BPOU convention. Alternates shall be ranked in each district for seating purposes at these conventions. <u>Ranked delegates shall be seated by the House District in which they were elected, but once one House District has a full delegation, cross seating of alternates across House districts shall be allowed, at these conventions as specified in the State Party Constitution.</u></p>
	<p><i>This simply codifies our standard practice, which was in line with the State Constitution.</i></p>
<u>4</u>	<p>Section 6: ENDORSEMENT—</p> <p>D) <u>A convention may be called to endorse local, nonpartisan candidates if the convention is restricted to those BPOU delegates who reside within the political boundaries of the office. Where those boundaries cross BPOU lines, a joint convention with the other BPOUs is required. Alternatively, the BPOU (or BPOUs) Executive Committee may "recommend" a candidate for such office, who they believe would advance Republican principles in that office. Support for such candidates is limited to providing contact lists, with a suitable list use agreement.</u></p>
	<p><i>This also codifies standard practice and is being adopted into the State Party Bylaws.</i></p>

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<u>5</u>	<p><u>Article VIII-Congressional District Relationship</u></p> <p>Section 1: Congressional District Committee As the Republican-Committee <u>Constitution</u> of the 2nd Congressional District may provide, representation from the BPOU on the Congressional District Committee shall be in the following order, on a volunteer basis and with approval by the Executive Committee:</p>
	<i>Clarification</i>
<u>6</u>	<p><u>Article IX-Vacancies and Removals</u></p> <p>Section 1: Vacancies ...</p> <p>Section 2: the Removals An officer of the Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the seated committee members provided that <u>the Executive Committee and</u> the officer in question is furnished with a fourteen (14) day notice, in writing, of the charges that may warrant removal. Further, the officer in question shall be entitled to respond to these charges in person or in writing prior to the vote to remove.</p>
	<i>Most constitutions provide that such meetings be notified in advance of such proceedings. No surprises, in other words.</i>
<u>7</u>	<p>Section 3: Attendance If a member of the Executive Committee is absent without cause from more than four (4) consecutive meetings, this person shall <u>may</u> be subject to the removal provisions outlined in Section 2 of this Article.</p>
	<i>Simply the proper wording. "Shall" compels action. "May" permits it.</i>
<u>8</u>	<p><u>Article XI- Amendments</u></p> <p>Section 2: Constitution Committee The Executive Committee shall be members of the standing Constitution and By-laws Committee defined in Article IV. By-laws may be adopted and amended by a majority vote of the Full <u>Executive</u> Committee</p>
	<i>This is the standard distinction between the Constitution and the Bylaws. We <u>have no bylaws.</u></i>