

- 34 4. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated
35 alternates present on the floor.
- 36 5. There shall be no cross-seating of alternates among precincts.
- 37 6. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to election
38 of Congressional District and MN State delegates.

39 **Section 3: Speaking**

- 40 1. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, and state
41 their full name and Precinct, and the purpose for which they rise.
- 42 2. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No
43 person shall be allowed to speak more than three times upon the same subject. No
44 person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have
45 had a first opportunity to do so.
- 46 3. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion,
47 debate, speeches during the convention.
- 48 4. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate or
49 distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five (5)
50 minutes.

51 **Section 4: Voting**

- 52 1. There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this convention.
- 53 2. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be
54 permitted to vote.
- 55 3. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote subject to the following restrictions:
- 56 a. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate or at the discretion of the
57 Chair.
- 58 b. A roll call vote by Precinct shall be taken if requested by five or more precincts.
- 59 c. Voting for officers or delegates and alternates shall be by secret ballot for all
60 contested elections.
- 61 4. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any Precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall
62 appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said Precinct and the judge shall
63 report the results to the Convention.
- 64 5. No second shall be required to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority
65 report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed
66 by three (3) committee members.

67 6. When the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has
68 been no debate, it shall be in order, before the final vote has been taken, to debate the
69 proposition for six (6) minutes with one-half of that time allotted to those in favor, and
70 one-half to those in opposition to the proposition. The same right of debate shall be
71 allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on
72 which there has been no debate.

73 **Section 5: Election of Congressional District and MN State Delegates and Alternates**

74 1. Individuals residing in SD54 who are eligible to serve as a Congressional District and
75 MN State delegate must self-nominate on a list at registration. The self-nomination list
76 will close at 9:30 AM time certain.

77 2. Delegates to the Congressional District conventions have been apportioned by the
78 Congressional District. The Second (2) Congressional District has apportioned twenty
79 eight (28) delegates to SD54. The Fourth (4) Congressional District has apportioned
80 three (3) to SD54. Those nominated (self-nomination as described in paragraph 23
81 above) will have the opportunity to address voting delegates for thirty seconds.

82 3. A delegate who is not in attendance may be placed on the nomination list prior to 9:30
83 a.m. by their proxy and have their proxy speak on their behalf for up to thirty seconds
84 provided the non-attending delegate has provided a written document indicating their
85 desire to be placed on the ballot.

86 4. A candidate may remove their name from consideration at any time.

87 5. Delegates and alternates will be voted on via ballot and ranked by the total votes
88 received. Those receiving the most votes will be the elected delegates and the
89 remaining candidates will be ranked alternates, in the order of total votes received. In the
90 event of a tie in votes received, a coin toss will determine the ranking.

91 6. The Convention will reconvene to receive the results of the elections and continue the
92 agenda.

93 **Section 6: Endorsement of Candidates**

94 1. Each person seeking an endorsement for an office completely within SD 54 shall be
95 reviewed by the Search Committee, which will forward acceptable candidates to the
96 Chair.

97 2. A delegate or seated alternate may yield to a non-delegate for nomination. Nominations
98 need not be seconded. Nominating speeches for candidates shall not exceed three (3)
99 minutes. Seconding speeches shall be included in the time allotted for nominating
100 speeches. Candidate speeches shall not exceed two (2) minutes each.

101 3. If there are more than two (2) candidates seeking endorsement for the same office and
102 no candidate receives 60% or more of the ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest
103 vote total shall be eliminated from the subsequent ballots. If there are more than two (2)
104 candidates seeking endorsement for the same office and no candidate receives 60% or

105 more of the ballots cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be eliminated from
106 the subsequent ballots.

107 4. After endorsing the Senate candidate, the Convention shall divide into House Districts
108 (HD 54A, HD 54B) before balloting to endorse any candidate for offices wholly within HD
109 54A or HD 54B. Only those delegates residing in the appropriate House District may
110 vote for candidates in that district seeking endorsement.

111 5. Any candidate who receives 60% or greater of the ballots cast shall be endorsed.

112 6. The Convention will reconvene to receive the results of the elections and continue the
113 agenda.

114 **Section 7. Resolutions**

115 1. Resolutions are solicited to improve the RPM platform, and may be sponsored by any
116 duly elected Delegate or Seated Alternate. Each proposed resolution must be submitted
117 in easily legible writing to the Resolutions Committee no later than 9:30 AM on March
118 12, 2016.

119 **Section 8. Discipline**

120 1. Order and polite behavior are expected of all participants. Anyone who disrupts the
121 orderly process without adhering to the rules may be cautioned or removed from the
122 Auditorium as directed by the Convener or Chair.