

Those of you who believe MNGOP leadership, including DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES to conventions and the State Central Committee, should be familiar with the laws, Constitution and rules of OUR Party, please review the following MN laws and sections of the Party Constitution. The words should be interpreted using PLAIN LANGUAGE.

If you are a delegate or alternate, it is your DUTY to become educated about the laws, constitutions and rules that govern your actions. PLEASE, take this seriously and join with the people trying to save our Party.

The information is provided in sections to make it easy to follow. The interpretation provided in red is for your convenience, only. It is BEST for you to read and interpret the language for yourself. Do not simply accept what any person tells you is the truth.

First, what is a "Political Party"?

Minnesota Statutes define "Political Party"

MN Statute 200.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 6. Political party. "Political party" means an association of individuals under whose name a candidate files for partisan office.

The Republican Party is an association of individuals under whose name candidates file for partisan office. Those candidates seek the support of the individuals who associate with that Political Party.

It seems unlikely that any of these candidates would win any election as a Republican if the only people who were "affiliated" with the Republican Party were the Chair of the Party and his dwindling supporters on the State Executive Committee, the CD7 Chair and the Chair of the BPOU. Perhaps the reason the Republicans have lost so many elections in the past couple of years is DIRECTLY related to the current Chair's relentless attack on the grassroots of the republican Party.

The PEOPLE are the Party.

MN Statutes define who is a "Member of a Major Political Party"

MN Statute 200.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 17. Member of a major political party. "Member of a major political party" means an individual who:

- (1) supports the general principles of that Party's constitution;
- (2) voted for a majority of that party's candidates in the last general election; or
- (3) intends to vote for a majority of that party's candidates in the next general election.

The Republican Party is formed by the individuals who support the general principles of the Party AND who have voted for and will vote for Republican candidates.

Does Chair Hann support the principles of the Party or is he trying to move the Party to the middle to appease his supporters who are not strong Republicans?

Why is Chair Hann so afraid of the base of our Party?

Has Hann's continual attack on the party's base and values suppressed voter turnout?

The Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution defines "Membership" and "Rights"

ARTICLE II Membership and Dues

SECTION 1: Membership. The membership of the Party shall be composed of all citizens of the State of Minnesota who desires to support the objectives of the Party.

The Party constitution clearly recognizes all Minnesotans who support the objectives of the Party as members- members by definition are AFFILIATED with the Party.

SECTION 3: Rights. 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 is entitled by law to participate.

When a constitution uses the word "Nothing" it does actually mean NOTHING. This means that there can be NO provision in the Party Constitution that can be interpreted in a way that denies the right of any voter to participate in a precinct caucus or a BPOU Convention if they are entitled by law to participate in the precinct caucus or the convention.

ARTICLE IV
Delegation of Power

SECTION 1: Basic Unit. The Party shall be organized into BPOUs, i.e., one of the following: County, House District, or Senate District except that in any county containing four or more entire House Districts the county must organize as House or Senate Districts.

Article IV clearly defines a "BPOU" as a County, House District or Senate District. The BPOU in Otter Tail is a County Unit. It uses county, house or senate district boundaries to identify which people are members of a BPOU.

ARTICLE IV Delegation of Power

SECTION 2: Organization. It shall be the responsibility of the BPOU committees to assist all endorsed Republicans seeking public office at least partly within their respective units, to expand the membership of the party within their respective units, and to organize or cause to be organized each ward, precinct, or other voting district in their unit. The form of enrollment shall be prescribed by the State Executive Committee and shall be uniform throughout the state. No qualifications for membership shall be imposed except as provided by this Constitution. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all voters who are eligible for membership under Article II.

The BPOU Committee is the full membership of the BPOU. As noted, the opportunity for enrollment in the BPOU Committee is "open at all times to all voters who are eligible for membership under Article II"

*Also, please note, there can be **NO** qualifications for membership imposed on voters that are not specifically in the Republican Party Constitution. This means no oaths.*

This IS the section of the Constitution that delegates power to the BPOU and describes the BPOU Committee responsibilities.

If the Constitution is UNCLEAR, and therefore open to interpretation, shouldn't true leaders of the People (who ARE the Party) interpret the language to include the most members possible?

ARTICLE IV Delegation of Power

SECTION 3: Management. The management of the affairs of the Party within each basic political organizational unit shall be vested in the BPOU committee, subject to the direction of State and Congressional District authorities as to matters within the scope of their respective functions.

The BPOU Committee manages the affairs of the BPOU.

*Other than the right to determine the dates for the annual convention, the Party Constitution grants almost no authority to the State and Congressional District "authorities" because the **BPOU DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES** are vested with the final power to control the Party.*

The BPOU DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:

- *Are the MEMBERS of the CD Conventions who:*
 - *ELECT the CD Leadership and*
 - *Create and Amend the CD Constitutions*
- *Are the people who ELECT the members of the State Central Committee to provide OVERSIGHT of the State Executive Committee*
- *Are the Members of the State Convention who:*
 - *CREATE and AMEND the State Convention*
 - *HAVE THE FINAL AUTHORITY over the affairs of the Party under MN Stat § 202A.12, Subd. 1.*

ARTICLE VIII
Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition.

BPOU conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the BPOU:

Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses that are held in each precinct 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 BPOU committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the BPOU 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 (1) or more precincts may be called by the BPOU 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.

BPOU Conventions SHALL be composed of the Delegates elected at the precinct caucus that are held in EVERY general election year AS REQUIRED by Minnesota Statutes.

This is NOT optional. There MUST be a caucus in EVERY precinct every general election year.

ARTICLE VIII
Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions

SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention.

BPOU conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State Central Committee and at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee or the BPOU committee. The conventions shall precede Congressional District and State conventions. Special BPOU conventions may be 14 of 22 held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee, or the BPOU committee at such time and for such purpose as the committee calling the same may determine. **BPOU conventions shall be held at a place determined by the respective committee issuing the call.**

The Party Constitution REQUIRES the BPOU to hold a convention ANNUALLY.

There is no authority for the State Party Chair, The State Executive Committee, the Congressional District or the BPOU to ignore the Constitution or refuse to call a convention.

ARTICLE VIII
Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions

SECTION 3: Delegates and Alternates to State and Congressional District Conventions.

Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional Districts and to State conventions shall be elected at the BPOU conventions in even numbered years; or if provided in the BPOU constitution may be elected annually. A BPOU may elect up to twice as many Alternates as the number of Delegates allotted, provided that the BPOU convention or constitution specifies a method for the orderly seating of said Alternates to fill vacancies in the delegation. **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.** All disputes concerning the seating of Alternates shall be settled according to that BPOUs constitution or bylaws. If seating of Alternates is not addressed in the BPOUs constitution or bylaws, then a caucus of the Delegates from that BPOU will meet to settle the issue.

The Party Constitution REQUIRES the BPOU Convention to elect State and CD Convention delegates and alternates in the even numbered year: This is not an optional action item the State Party and BPOU Executive Committee can ignore.

There must be a BPOU Convention in Otter Tail County. It has been called and is scheduled for April 13, 2024.

BRIEFLY back to a MN state law that the Party must follow of lose MAJOR PARTY STATUS

2023 Minnesota Statutes

202A.12 STATE CONVENTION, AUTHORITY OF.

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Subdivision 1. **Time of convention.** The final authority over the affairs of each major political party is vested in the party's state convention to be held at least once every state general election year at the call of the state central committee.

Subd. 2. **State central committee.** Subject to the control of the state convention the general management of the affairs of the state party is vested in the party's state central committee.

Subd. 3. **State executive committee.** The state executive committee of the party shall have charge of the administration of the party's affairs, subject to the direction and control of the state convention and the state central committee.

Subd. 4. **Constitution, filing.** The chair of the state central committee of each party shall file with the secretary of state a copy of the party's constitution and all amendments to the constitution as they are enacted.

History: [1975 c 5 s 3](#); [1981 c 29 art 7 s 38](#); 1986 c 444



ARTICLE IX

State Party Administration

SECTION 1: State Central Committee.

- A. General Management.** The general management of the affairs of the Party in the state shall be vested in the State Central Committee, **subject to the control of the State Convention and this Constitution.**

*The State Central Committee functions **SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF THE STATE CONVENTION and this Constitution.***

SECTION 2: State Executive Committee.

- A. Composition.

The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer;
2. The National Committeeman and Committeewoman;
3. One district chair from each Congressional District or a Congressional District representative as provided for in the Congressional District constitution or bylaws who shall serve until a successor is elected;
4. The state finance chair.

Please note MN state law 202A.12, SJJJJL 3, (the statute noted immediately above this section) states:

"The state executive committee of the party shall have charge of the administration of the party's affairs, **subject to the direction and control of the state convention and the state central committee."**

As is ALWAYS true, the STATE CONVENTION membership IS the DELEGATES and ALTERNATES who were ELECTED at the PRECINCT CAUCUS in EVERY general election year, who were then ELECTED at their BPOU CONVENTION to represent their BPOU at the STATE CONVENTION.

MN State Law grants the FINAL AUTHORITY over all party matters to the Delegates and Alternates of the STATE CONVENTION.

Is this why the State Chair, the State Executive Committee and various supporters of the Chair are violating MN law and the Party Constitution?

Is this why they are interfering with the seating of duly elected precinct caucus delegates and alternates?

This is slightly out of order BUT is directly related to Article IX, Section 2 which is immediately above this section.

ARTICLE XVI

General Provisions

SECTION 6: General Provisions

State Party Executive Committee members have a duty to act in the best interest of the Party and support Party-endorsed candidates for office.

The members of the State Executive Committee MUST act in the best interests of the Party.

Is what happened in Otter Tail County in the BEST INTERESTS of the PARTY, or is it in the BEST INTERESTS of a PARTY CHAIR and HIS SUPPORTERS?

Ask yourself honestly, are the Chair and his dwindling supporters acting in the BEST INTERESTS of the Party (i.e. the approximately 2 million MN Republicans who are members of the Party and who are wondering why far-left progressives, who continually attack our liberties, now have control of what used to be the greatest state in the country)?

Is the truth that the Chair and his dwindling supporters knows that PATRIOTIC REPUBLICANS do not support his goal to move the PARTY away from its FOUNDING PRINCIPLES and PLATFORM so they must eliminate their ability to be heard by stopping them in violation of the law and our Party Constitution?

ARTICLE XI

Basic Political Organizational Unit Administration

SECTION 1: BPOU Committee.

A. Composition.

The BPOU committee shall consist of the BPOU party officers and such other members as the BPOU constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.

B. Officers. The officers of each BPOU shall be at least one (1) chair and such additional officers as may be determined by each BPOU constitution and/or bylaws.

C. Election of Officers. The officers and other members of the BPOU committee shall be elected at each BPOU convention held in odd numbered years.

The MNGOP Constitution states the BPOU Constitution decides who is a member of the BPOU Committee.

Now we go to the Otter Tail County BPOU Constitution

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BASIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT (BPOU) REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Republican Party of Minnesota, Otter Tail County, welcomes the participation of all citizens of Otter Tail County, who are concerned with the implementation of honest, effective, and responsive government. The party believes in equality of all, as stated in the Declaration of Independence. Therefore, it is the party committed to equal 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 for all citizens of Otter Tail County, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, social, or economic status within the Otter Tail County Republican Party of Minnesota.

Do the Otter Tail Executive Committee actions comply with the Preamble?

This next one is important:

WHENEVER the term "BPOU" is used, the term refers to the entire organization.

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY BASIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT (BPOU)
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

**CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I: NAME**

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the Otter Tail County Republican Party of Minnesota, a Basic Political Organization Unit of the Republican Party of Minnesota hereinafter referred to as "BPOU".

SECTION 2: The BPOU shall be composed of all the precincts which are located within the Otter Tail County boundaries.

The Otter Tail County Constitution states that whenever "BPOU" is used without a qualifier, that term refers to the ORGANIZATION of the Otter Tail County Republican Party of Minnesota, which includes all members within the geographic boundaries of the BPOU.

This one is long. Sorry.

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY BASIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT (BPOU)
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

**CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the organization shall be the maintenance and advancement of good government according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota through the promotion within the BPOU to meet the objectives of the Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Minnesota objectives by:

The BPOU recognizes it MUST follow the law. Good start.

I. Conducting all statutorily imposed activities.

The BPOU MUST organize the PRECINCT CAUCUSES and receive the certified lists of officers, delegates and alternates submitted by the PRECINCT CHAIR.

4. Organizing or causing to be organized in each precinct in Otter Tail County and expand membership and participation within the Party.

If a BPOU ignores the results of the Precinct Caucuses, it fails to comply with this requirement.

5. By publicly sharing the Principles of the Republican party for the purpose of and expanding membership and participation within the Party and to advance legislation that supports those principles.

Ignoring the members of the Republican Party who attend caucus, ignoring the RIGHT of the caucus elected officers, delegates and alternates and illegally suspending those people elected at the precinct caucuses does NOT expand membership and participation within the Party: These actions DESTROY the Party.

6. Scheduling, holding and managing the annual BPOU Convention; and

The BPOU MUST hold a BPOU Convention or violate the MNGOP Constitution.

8. Being responsive to the requests and guidance from the Congressional and State Republican Leadership.

The BPOU may not comply with a request by any person to violate MN law or the Party's Constitution and rules.

Any "leader" of the State Party or Congressional District that requests a BPOU violate MN state law or the Party Constitution should be reported to Delegates and Alternates of the State Convention (who have final authority over the entire Party), the State Central Committee (who has authority over the State Executive Board, subject to the final authority of the State Convention) and the State Executive Committee (who has charge of the administration of the party's affairs, subject to the direction and control of the state convention and the state central committee). Such a leader should be removed from office.

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CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership. The membership of this BPOU shall be composed of all citizens eligible to vote in Otter Tail County, who wish to be affiliated with the Republican Party and who support the purposes and objectives of the Republican Party.

Yes, this is who the membership of the BPOU is, by statute and Party Constitution.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1: Governance. The governance of the BPOU shall reside in all eligible delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses of Otter Tail County who attest to and support the objectives of the Republican Party and its endorsed candidates.

This could NOT be clearer: The governance of the BPOU shall reside in all eligible delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses of Otter Tail County who attest to and support the objectives of the Republican Party.

The words "and its endorsed candidates" must be excluded because the BPOU can NOT impose obligations upon members that are not included in the PARTY Constitution. This requirement is a nullity and can NOT be enforced.

The People do not have to support an endorsed candidate who they believe does not support the Party objectives. On the other hand, NO endorsed candidate should take action that undermines the Party platform.

The Otter Tail County BPOU Constitution vests the duty to govern solely with the DELEGATES and ALTERNATES elected at the precinct caucuses.

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CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE V: MANAGEMENT AND STRUCTURE

SECTION 1: The management of the BPOU shall rest with the BPOU Executive Committee, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, the Seventh Congressional District Committee, the State Party Constitution, the BPOU Constitution and applicable state statutes.

This is like the State Executive Committee having the power to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Party. The State Exec Committee answers to the State Central Committee AND the State Convention.

The Executive Committee is always functioning subject to the authority of the BPOU Constitution which vests the GOVERNANCE of the BPOU with the DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES elected at the PRECINCT CAUCUSES.

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CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: Composition. The Executive Committees shall consist of the following:

A. BPOU Executive Committee shall be composed of the: Chair; Deputy Chair; immediate Past Chair (for a period of 2 years); Treasurer; Secretary; five (5) District Chairs, one (1) from each of the defined Otter Tail County Commissioner districts; the BPOU's State Central Committee Delegates; and the delegates that represent the BPOU at CD7 and State who are elected at the BPOU convention.

Please note this Article describes the EXECUTIVE Committee, NOT the BPOU Committee.

SECTION 2: Duties and Responsibilities. The general responsibility of the Executive Committee is to ensure that the objectives of the BPOU (as stated in Article II) are accomplished. Specific duties and responsibilities of the various Executive Committee Officers are detailed in the Bylaws.

The Executive Committee is REQUIRED to ensure the Objectives as stated in Article II are accomplished.

Article VI CONFIRMS that the Otter tail County BPOU Executive Committee is REQUIRED to conduct a BPOU Convention.

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CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE VII: CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE DELEGATES

SECTION 1: Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions shall be elected at the BPOU convention on even-numbered years by the convention delegates through a process that is in accordance with the State Republican Constitution. Congressional and State Delegates shall serve until their successors are elected. A double set of Alternate Delegates may be elected. Those elected must first be elected by the Precinct Caucus. Vacancies are to be filled according to the bylaws.

The BPOU is REQUIRED to hold a convention in the even-numbered years, i.e.2024, to elect Delegates and Alternates to the State and CD Conventions.

This is NOT optional.

The State Party Chair, the State Executive Board, CD7 and the BPOU Executive Board are flagrantly violating the Party Constitution.

The Precinct Chairs and Precinct Delegates who have called the REQUIRED BPOU Convention are protecting the Party, the BPOU and the rights of the People.

ARTICLE VIII: STATE CENTRAL DELEGATES

Not applicable but noted to demonstrate Article VIII does not address the formation of the BPOU Committee.

Sorry the next section is long and decided into 2 parts:

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY BASIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT (BPOU)
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CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE IX: CONVENTIONS

SECTION 1: Frequency and Calls. The BPOU Convention shall be held annually at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Seventh District Executive Committee, or the BPOU. The official call shall be at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention.

The Otter Tail Constitution states the "BPOU" may call the annual convention. It does not say the BPOU Executive Committee may call the meeting. This matters because the Constitution does use the term "Executive Committee,, regarding the Seventh Congressional District and uses the term "Executive Committee" in Section 2 of this article. If the Constitution was to grant the authority to the BPOU Executive Committee, it should have stated that requirement.

Taking all constitutional requirements into consideration:

The MNGOP Constitution requires there be a BPOU Committee (Art XI Section 1) that includes the Party Officers and other members as the BPOU Constitution, bylaws or convention may prescribe and allows the "BPOU Committee,, to call the BPOU Convention (Art VIII Section 2).

Neither the Otter Tail County BPOU Constitution nor Bylaws refer to the creation of or membership requirements for the BPOU Committee, however the following is true:

The BPOU Constitution (Art. I, Section 1) clearly states that references to the "BPOU" without qualification mean the entire organization.

The BPOU Constitution grants governance powers solely to the delegates and alternates elected at the Precinct Caucus (Article IV, Section!).

The BPOU Constitution grants authority to call the BPOU Convention to the "BPOU".

The MNGOP Constitution REQUIRES a BPOU Committee, and the BPOU must be in compliance with the Party Constitution so the ONLY way this provision is to determine the "BPOU" is the "BPOU Committee".

Therefore:

The Otter Tail County BPOU Committee must include the officers and the delegates and alternates elected at the precinct caucuses.

There are no criteria created to determine the number of delegates or officers required to call a meeting.

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ARTICLE IX: CONVENTIONS (cont.)

*The State Executive Committee **FAILED** to call the Otter Tail County BPOU convention.*

*The State Central Committee **FAILED** to call the Otter Tail County BPOU convention.*

*The Seventh District Executive Committee **FAILED** to call the Otter Tail County BPOU convention.*

The BPOU Committee includes:

- *the BPOU Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 District Chairs*
- *The 238 Delegates known to have been elected at the Precinct Caucuses and others elected who are not known at this time*
- *Other members as the convention (meaning the delegates) may prescribe*

The BPOU Delegates:

- *Are the duly elected delegates of the Otter tail County BPOU under MN State law and the MNGOP and Otter Tail County BPOU constitutions*
- *Are the only persons (along with the alternates) vested with the AUTHORITY to GOVERN the BPOU*
- *MUST elect delegates and alternates at a BPOU convention to represent the BPOU at the Congressional District and State Convention*

*The BPOU Delegates, as members of the BPOU Committee, have properly, legally and **NECESSARILY** called the Republican Party of Minnesota Otter Tail County BPOU Convention to be held on April 13, 2024.*

SECTION 2: Location. The location for holding the BPOU Convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

This provision conflicts with the MNGOP Constitution, Article VIII, Section 2 so is a nullity.

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ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Not applicable to issue but shows Article not related to formation of a BPOU Committee.

Article XI BYLAWS

SECTION 1: Authority and Establishment. The BPOU shall operate under the Bylaws as authorized by this Article and as established by the BPOU Executive Committee. The composition and duties of the various BPOU Committees may be prescribed by the Bylaws, but must conform to all provisions of this Constitution. In the event of a conflict between the Constitution and the Bylaws, the Constitution will take precedence.

The Otter Tail Consntunon vests the Governance of the BPOU with the Delegates and Alternates elected at the precinct Caucus.

The BPOU Bylaws can NOT conflict with the Party or BPOU Constitution.

Article XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Not applicable to issue but shows Article not related to formation of a BPOU Committee.

ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AT THE BPOU REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION.

Adopted at the BPOU Convention, February 11, 2023

THE END of the BPOU Constitution.

And now back to the MNGOP Constitution:

ARTICLE XI

Basic Political Organizational Unit Administration

SECTION 1: BPOU Committee.

A. Composition.

The BPOU committee shall consist of the BPOU party officers and such other members as the BPOU constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.

B. Officers. The officers of each BPOU shall be at least one (1) chair and such additional officers as may be determined by each BPOU constitution and/or bylaws.

C. Election of Officers. The officers and other members of the BPOU committee shall be elected at each BPOU convention held in odd numbered years.

The MNGOP Constitution states the BPOU Party officers and "such other members as the BPOU constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe".

The Convention is ONLY the Delegates and seated alternates, and that group of people can determine, with authority equal to the BPOU Constitution and the Bylaws, who serves on the BPOU Committee.

See analysis below regarding Otter Tail County BPOU Constitution.

SECTION 2: BPOU Executive Committee.

The BPOU convention may provide for a BPOU executive committee of such size as it deems proper, which shall be members of the BPOU committee.

The Executive Committee is optional.

The BPOU convention, which is ONLY the Delegates and Seated Alternates, can eliminate this committee.

SECTION 3: Removals.

Unless a BPOU constitution or bylaws provide otherwise, any BPOU representative on a Congressional District committee, or officer of a BPOU executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at a BPOU committee meeting.

The BPOU Committee, NOT the executive committee, has removal authority under the MNGOP Constitution.

MNGOP Constituion Articles XII-XV are not relevant to the issue so next is Article XVI:

ARTICLE XVI

General Provisions

SECTION 1: Other Constitutions and Bylaws.

Only BPOUs, Congressional Districts and Affiliates may adopt and amend a constitution and/or bylaws for its own governance. Those documents may not be inconsistent with this Party's Constitution and Bylaws.

No BPOU or Congressional District or Affiliate Constitution may be inconsistent with the Party Constitution.

Any provisions of a sub-unit constitution that are inconsistent are a nullity: they must be ign.ored

SECTION 2: Removals.

Notice of every proposal for removal by any committee or other body of the party shall be included in the notice of the meeting, and the individual concerned shall be served with a detailed statements of the charges against them at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

This provision governs all removals made by any committee or OTHER BODY of the Party.

Examples of other committees and bodies of the MNGOP include BPOU Committees, CD and BPOU Executive Committees and Affiliate organizations.

These bodies MUST serve notice of removal upon the person concerned and NOTICE of the removal MUST be included with the notice of the meeting.

These has been the suggestion that a suspension is NOT a removal, and this idea somehow allows duly elected delegates and alternates to be left in permanent limbo.

Because the MNGOP Constitution allows for REMOVALS, Robert's Rules on Discipline of Members (see Robert's Rules, Sections 61-63) does not apply because our Constitution is NOT silent on the manner in which members are disciplined.

The Party Constitution does NOT allow for suspensions- only removals.

This does not mean that a person causing a public disruption at a meeting cannot be removed from the meeting.

and finally, in 2023, the Democrats passed an amendment to MN law that REQUIRES every major political party to comply with MN law, its Party's constitution and rules or risk losing major party status:

MN state law 200.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 7. Major political party.

(a) "Major political party" means a political party that maintains a party organization in the state; has complied with the party's constitution and rules; is in compliance with the requirements of sections [202A.12](#) and [202A.13](#); files with the secretary of state no later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year a certification that the party has met the foregoing requirements, including a list of the dates and locations of each convention held; and meets all other qualification requirements of this subdivision.

(e) A major political party that does not submit the certification required by this subdivision loses major party status on December 31 of the year in which the party did not file the certification.

If the Party files a certification of compliance with the MN SOS that is found to be not truthful, the person who filed that false certification will have committed a felony and the certification will be determined to be void. Major Party Status would be revoked upon such determination.

The Republican Party of Minnesota, including EVERY BPOU, Congressional District and Affiliate is obligated to follow the Party's Constitution and rules. Every Party and CD must follow their constitution and rules. All of the constitutions and rules REQUIRE the Party to follow the law- all the laws.

When the Party Chair and the State Executive Board decide that the laws and constitutions and rules can be ignored, they are placing our major party status in jeopardy.

This is not histrionics; this is a fact.

Why would any person in leadership knowingly place the Major Party status in danger?

The simple answer is they want to eliminate the ability of the base. -The PEOPLE- to interfere with their efforts to elect their candidates (who often do not embrace the traditional Republican values).

When Party ¹¹leaders¹¹ fear losing their grip on power so they resort to violating the law, binding constitutions and rules in acts of self-preservation, the People must take action to protect the Party.

The delegates and alternates in Otter Tail County, who were elected and have been certified to the BPOU Chair and the Party Chair, must encouraged to attend and participate in the BPOU Convention. This Convention was called properly and as necessary by the delegates elected at the 2024 Precinct Caucus, following the requirements of the **MNGOP** Constitution, BECAUSE of the dereliction of duty by the State Executive Board, Congressional District 7 and the Otter Tail County Executive Committee.

I hope you encourage every 2024 delegate and alternate elected at their precinct caucus to attend the convention on April 13, 2024.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the different perspectives on this issue and for all you do for the Republican Party.