

PRECINCT CAUCUS FEBRUARY 1, 2022



For far too long, establishment elitists have dominated our political and social institutions. These elitists partner with corporations, the media, and big tech to serve personal and financial interests rather than the interest of the people and our nation as a whole. It is time for this to change. If we wish to create change, we must be willing to act without fear - like a lion. We can no longer just sit and complain. We must be willing to redefine and trans-

Form key institutions such as academia, media, political parties, governance, and so on. We must be involved at every level from school board and city council meetings to real grass roots local activism to become more influential within our political institutions.

"We, the People of the United States" define the meaning of democracy. We define it as a system to protect our innate rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. Our politicians, the elites, the mainstream media, and the corporations/big tech have forgotten this. The time has come to remind them that "We, the People of the United States" hold the power. We do this by voting out every politician who does not have the interest of the people at heart and replacing them with people who do.

The accomplish this feat, we must focus our efforts on changing the political landscape of one of the two major parties – the GOP, starting at the ground level which is the precinct caucus. On February 1, 2022, we have two goals:

- Get more people actively involved within the political process at the micro level so the voice of the people (the populists) can be heard at the macro level

- Position everyday Americans, the working class, into positions of power and influence so we can create change that benefits us rather than the establishment.

This will be a defining moment in history. The moment "We, the People" take back the power. We have a long, tough road ahead of us. We are not only fighting with the progressive agenda but will also be fighting a civil war within our own political party against the establishment elites. We need as much help as we can possibly get which means every person who can act must act. Our future generations, our children, our grandchildren are depending on us to give them a better future and we can't let them down

1. Submit resolutions that are in line with the values of the populist movement, and ensure they reform and modernize the Republican party platform

2. Elect like-minded people to represent us as precinct officers and act as our lifeline to the leadership of the Republican Party to ensure our voices and concerns are heard

3. Elect delegates who endorse state candidates who will advance populist values and to ensure our candidates win endorsement for the ballot

4. Get our candidates elected into governance at all levels so they can start pushing for and passing laws and policies that will help "We, the people" protect our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Important Terms:

Congressional District (CD): The number of districts each state is divided into for representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. The districts are determined by population size based on the U.S. Census Each CD has one U.S. House Representative Minnesota has a total of 8 Congressional Districts Each Congressional District has a number of BPOU who help to endorse a candidate

Senate District (SD): Each Senate District is represented by one senator in the Minnesota Legislative Branch. Each senate district can have one or multiple precincts depending on the population size of the district.

House District (HD): Each Senate District is split up in two sections (A and B i.e. 57A and 57B). Each section is represented by one Minnesota House member in the MN Legislative Branch.

BASIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATION UNIT (BPOU): The smallest governing body within the Republican Party. Each Senate District has one BPOU. Every BPOU is slightly different within the executive committee i.e. SD57 has a Chair and a Deputy Chair while SD49 has Co-chairs. BPOU's can be a 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.

CAUCUS: A PROCEDURE USED TO ELECT LOCAL CITIZENS AS DELEGATES

Precinct: Geographical areas for organizing and administering Local, State, and Federal Elections (voting district)

Standing Platform: Fundamental principles made up by resolution and/or positions of the Republican Party. They act as a guide for candidates and members of the party.

Delegates/Alternates: Elected volunteers who represent a precinct at higher level conventions

HIERARCHY OF CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegates from all states meet to endorse a presidential candidate

Congressional District Convention

- Nominate and elect delegates to Nation-Al Convention

- Endorse statewide candidates i.e. governor, attorney general, and U.S. Senator

STATE CONVENTION

- Nominate and elect delegates to Nation-Al Convention

- Endorse US Congress Candidate

House/Senate District BPOU Convention

 Nominate and elect delegates to Congressional and state Convention
Endorse State Senate and House Candidates

PRECINCT CAUCUSES

- Nominate and elect delegates to the House/Senate District BPOU Conventions
 Presidential candidate straw poll
- Elect precinct officers

What is a Precinct Caucus?

PRECINCT CAUCUSES ARE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF PARTY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES A POLITICAL PARTY WILL USE AS THEIR PLATFORM AND TO NOMINATE AND ELECT PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSONS AND DELEGATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IN ORDER TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PRECINCT CAUCUS PROCESS, YOU MUST BE:

- CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE PRECINCT
- Over 18 by election day and be eligible to vote
- Agree to the (most) of the principles of the Republican party, and you must have either voted or affiliated with the Party in the last general election, or you must intend to vote or affiliate with the Party in the next general election

- You must sign an official registration form

- And you must not have participated or intend to participate in another Party's precinct caucus

Why is it Important?

OFTENTIMES, WE HEAR, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE INVOLVED IN LOCAL ELEC-TIONS. MOST OF US ASSUME THAT MEANS VOTING FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES WITHOUT REAL-IZING IT IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN JUST VOTING. WHAT IF THE CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT DO NOT REPRESENT YOU OR THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY? DO YOU CHOOSE THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS AND HOPE FOR THE BEST? DO YOU JUST VOTE DOWN PARTY LINES KNOWING THAT NOTHING WILL CHANGE ANYWAYS? OR DO YOU JUST GIVE UP AND NOT VOTE AT ALL? THESE ARE THE CHOICES WE ALL THINK WE HAVE, THE CHOICES WE WERE TOLD WE HAVE BUT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, OUR CHOICES ARE LIMITLESS AS LONG AS WE FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW THE POLITICAL STRUCTURES WORK AND WHERE WE CAN HAVE THE MOST INFLUENCE.

You have the power to influence who the republican party endorses and the concerns/interests they will voice and advocate for on your behalf through the precinct caucus.

A precinct is the smallest political unit in this country and all voters are a part of a precinct. Precinct caucuses is where the voting members of a precinct have the opportunity to voice their concerns, interests, and support. Since they are the smallest unit within our political system, they are where your voice has the most power. Your voice is no longer lost in a crowd of strangers but heard by officials you are directly nominating and electing to represent you and your community.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Registration: Upon Arrival, you will be asked to sign in (name and address) and agree to a majority of MNGOP's platform.

Introductions: You will have the opportunity to meet and network with community members in your voting district. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself, share concerns, exchange information and ideas, and get to know people who share the same interests as you.

CALL TO ORDER: AT 7:00PM, THE MEETING FOR THE SENATE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE WILL BEGIN.

MEETING CANDIDATES: LOCAL CANDIDATES (AND OFTEN CONGRESSIONAL OR STATE-WIDE CANDIDATES) WILL COME TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND GIVE A SHORT SPEECH.

BREAKOUT SESSION: AT 7:30pm, breakout sessions will begin for your precinct. At the beginning of the meeting, a caucus convener will facilitate. The convener will explain the agenda, legal requirement, and the process of the meeting. The convener will then introduce any observers or officials present.

- Election Permanent Caucus Chair and Secretary: The first order of business will be to nominate and elect the caucus chair and secretary to facilitate the rest of the meeting. The convener can nominate themselves since they have trained for the position.

- Delegate Elections: Every precinct is given a certain amount of delegates. You will be given the opportunity to nominate and elect the delegates/alternatives that represent your precinct at the BPOU convention.

- **PRECINCT OFFICER ELECTIONS:** EVERY PRECINCT HAS ONE PRECINCT CHAIR, ONE PRE-CINCT VICE-CHAIR, AND A PRECINCT SECRETARY. DURING THIS TIME, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE AND ELECT WHO WILL FILL THESE POSITIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

- **Volunteers:** People will be asked to volunteer for various positions needed to make the Republican Party successful including but not limited to election judges and poll challengers.

- **Resolution Submission, discussion, and Consideration:** Resolutions are the official way of voicing your ideas to politicians. During this time, you will have the opportunity to discuss resolutions that are submitted and vote on whether they move on to the BPOU's convention for further discussion.

NOTES: MAKE SURE TO BRING AS MANY PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN YOUR PRECINCT TO VOTE FOR YOUR RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATED PRECINCT OFFICERS AND DELEGATES/ALTER-NATIVES.

PRECINCT OFFICERS:

Every Precinct has three precinct officers: Precinct Chair, Precinct Vice-Chair, Precinct Secretary. These are elected positions and are held for two years. Elections are held during the precinct caucus. Attendees hold a vote during breakout session at the Precinct Caucus. You will be able to nominate yourself or any other attendee in your precinct.

Precinct officers play an extremely important role throughout their two year term. They act as the organizers and liaison between the community members of a precinct and the political party. Their role is to promote Senate District activities and endorse candidates through networking, organizing activities, and sharing information. These roles are supported and directed by the Senate District GOP Executive Committee. Ideally, Precinct Officers are willing to commit four to eight hours monthly to this position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Represent the Republican Party to the voters in your Precinct. Attend Officer leadership training.

- Support Candidates and the Party financially.

- Recruit volunteers and assist Candidates and your BPOU by helping with fundraising events, Get-Out-The-Vote phoning, literature drops, and sign placement.

- Remind your Precinct delegation of BPOU Conventions. If any Delegates are not attending, ask Alternates to attend to fill missing Delegate seats. The BPOU Chair will seat the appropriate Delegates and Alternates at the Convention.

BENEFITS OF BEING A PRECINCT OFFICER:

- Meeting new people and building meaningful relationships that could help you grow both personally and professionally

- GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL ELECTION PROCESS

- Meet and get to know candidates and current elected officials

- Helps you professionally to show leadership and initiative (you can put it on your resume)

- INFLUENCE THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE MNGOP

- Create real world change

BPOU DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

Every precinct is allocated a certain number of delegates that will represent their precinct within the BPOU. BPOU delegates will choose which candidate is endorsed by the Republican Party for the state house and senate seats. They also elect delegates who will attend the Congressional District and State Conventions as well as the BPOU executive committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend conventions
- Help elect BPOU Officers
- Endorse candidates and work to get them elected
- Elect delegates/alternates to Congressional District and State Con-
- ventions and to State Central

BENEFITS OF BEING A PRECINCT DELEGATE/ALTERNATE:

- Build relationships with local candidates and influence their political platforms
- Build relationships with higher level delegates who will endorse state and federal candidates
- Help to decide who holds positions of power on the BPOU
- Influence which candidate the Republican Party endorses
- Helps you professionally to show leadership and initiative

Resolutions

Resolutions are written requests by voters which act as the platform and guidance for the Republican party and it's candidates. If you have an idea or issue you want supported by the Republican Party, the Precinct Caucus is the time you can be heard. During the precinct caucus, you will have the opportunity to complete a resolution form and will be given five minutes to discuss why your resolution should act as a party platform and then your precinct will vote on whether or not it should be forwarded to the BPOU convention for further discussion and review. If your resolution makes to the congressional Convention and is passed, it will be incorporated into the standing platform for the Republican party for two years.

Resolutions should be clear and concise so you may want to write it out before the precinct caucus. Here is a link to the 2022 form. https://www.mngop.com/action-center/2022-resolutions-form/

How to find your Precinct

TO FIND OUT WHICH PRECINCT YOU ARE IN, PLEASE GO TO

HTTPS://POLLFINDER.SOS.STATE.MN.US/

ENTER IN YOUR ZIP CODE. ONCE YOU HAVE PROVIDED YOUR ZIP CODE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ENTER IN YOUR HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET. YOUR WILL THEN BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

POLLING PLACE FIND	ER		
If your house number is between: and your street address is: and your City/Township is: LAKEVILLE and your ZIP code is: 55024 LOOK UP ANOTHER ADDRESS >		You vote at: LAKEVILLE FIRE STATION #2 16720 DODD BLVD FARMINGTON, MN 55024 Your School District Polling Place may differ. Contact your County or School District Office for more information. Precinct: LAKEVILLE P-16 3060 MAPS TO POLLING PLACE 3	
	Districts for this address: Congressional: 2 MN Senate: 57 MN House:57A County Commissioner: 06 Judicial: 01	Park: Soil and Water Conservation:Dakota District 1 School: ROSEMOUNT- APPLE VALLEY-EAGAN (196) County: Dakota	