



INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS OF MINNESOTA

MEMORANDUM

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SECRETARY OF STATE

TO: Joan Grove, Secretary of State
FROM: Jack Hansen, Administrative Director
DATE: June 27, 1988
RE: Presidential Electors

Enclosed is a list of Presidential Electors who were elected at the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota State Convention June 18, 1988 held in the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, Minnesota.

Please advise me if any additional information is needed.

P.S. Also enclosed is a current copy of our Party Constitution

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INDEPENDENT-REPUBLICANS

of

MINNESOTA

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Independent-Republicans of Minnesota welcome the participation of all Minnesotans who are concerned with the implementation of honest, efficient, responsive government. The party believes in the equality of all, as stated in the Declaration of Independence. It, therefore, is the party committed to equal representation and opportunity for all and the preservation of the rights of each individual. It is the purpose of this constitution to ensure that the party provides for full participation with equal opportunity for all Minnesotans regardless of age, race, sex, religion, or social or economic status.

ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1: Name: The name of this organization shall be the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota.

SECTION 2: Objects: The objects of the party shall be the maintenance of government of, by and for the people according to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and the implementation of such principles as may from time to time be adopted by party conventions. To obtain these objects it is essential to elect Independent-Republican officials.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

SECTION 1: Membership. The membership of the party shall be composed to all citizens of the State of Minnesota who desire to support the objects of the party.

SECTION 2: Dues. Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

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 he is entitled by law to participate.

ARTICLE III

Congressional and Legislative Reapportionment Committee

SECTION 1: In the first odd numbered year following reapportionment the State Executive Committee shall establish a standing committee to develop a detailed operating policy procedure manual to be implemented for Congressional and Legislative reapportionment.

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- SECTION 2: The Reapportionment Committee shall be composed of one person from each Congressional District. It is recommended that the appointee have actual Congressional and/or BPOU leadership reapportionment experience.
- SECTION 3: The Chair of the Reapportionment Committee shall be appointed by the State Party Chair. The Congressional district representative shall be appointed by the Congressional District.
- SECTION 4: The reapportionment policy manual as developed by the Reapportionment Committee shall be approved by the Executive Committee and recommended for approval to the State Central Committee no later than January 1 of each census year.
- SECTION 5: Notwithstanding subdivision number one above, this section shall be implemented within one year following its adoption.
- SECTION 6: After the reapportionment policy manual has been approved by both the Executive Committee and the State Central Committee, it shall govern the handling by the Party of only Congressional and Legislative reapportionment matters and only for the current reapportionment, and shall supersede any contrary provision of this Constitution in that limited area.

ARTICLE IV

Delegation of Powers

- SECTION 1: Basic Unit. The party shall be organized into basic political organizational units, i.e., one of the following: County, House District, or Senate District.
- SECTION 2: Organization. It shall be the responsibility of the basic political organizational unit committees 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 units. 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.
- SECTION 3: Management. The management of the affairs of the party, within each basic political organizational unit shall be vested in the basic political organizational unit committee subject to the direction of state and district authorities as to matters within the scope of their respective function.
- SECTION 4: Territorial Realignment. A county committee may disband the County organization and reorganize itself along either Senate or House lines, redraw the County organizational lines by adding a portion of an adjoining county, or allocating part of the county's territory to a Senate or House district.

SECTION 4: Continued

The procedure shall be approval of at least 60% of the county convention of each of the involved counties, provided that notice of such proposal for reorganization was issued in the call of the convention. The County Committee shall submit its transitional plans to accomplish such reorganization to the Congressional and State Executive Committees for their review. The new organization shall have all of the rights and responsibilities of a basic political organizational unit. Such reorganization shall continue until the next state-wide reapportionment or until the County form of organization is restored by a convention of the precinct delegates within the original county lines called by authority of the Independent-Republican State Executive Committee or any Independent-Republican State Convention.

ARTICLE V

Conventions - General Provisions

SECTION 1: Business. Conventions shall transact such business as is specified in the Call of the Convention, and may transact such other business as a majority of the convention may determine, subject to the provisions of Article XIII, Section 2 of this Constitution. The call shall be issued at least ten (10) days prior to the convention, except in the case of a special election endorsing convention, in which case the call shall be issued at least five (5) days prior to the convention. Such conventions may endorse candidates for any public office. In case of a proposal for endorsement of a candidate whose constituency is not coterminous with the territory of the convention, only those delegates residing within such constituency shall vote upon the proposal.

SECTION 2: Endorsements:

A. Any candidate for public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state, congressional district, basic political organizational unit or other authorized convention if he/she received 60% of the voting strength of the convention as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote. If the public office sought by the candidate is legally partisan, the candidate, prior to being considered for pre-primary endorsement, must agree, if he/she receives the endorsement, to seek the office as an Independent-Republican.

The rules of any such convention may provide that where only one candidate is nominated for endorsement for a particular office, endorsement may be granted if such candidate receives 60% of the votes cast on the proposal. Excepting the 60% requirement, basic political organizational unit constitutions may establish different rules of endorsement for conventions relating to legislative districts or areas smaller than the entire basic political organizational unit. When more than one such candidate is nominated for endorsement, none of them shall be voted upon separately.

- B. An endorsement for public office at a convention below the level of the one which is representative of the entire electorate for the office shall be no more than an expression of the sentiment of the convention. An endorsement may carry with it the commitment of Party resources, finances, and volunteers only when made at the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office; except that the state convention may bind the delegates whom it elects to the National Convention of the Republican Party on the first ballot to vote for a candidate who receives the endorsement of that convention for the office of President of the United States, unless they be released by said candidate.
- C. Post-Primary Endorsement. If an Independent-Republican Primary election for the office of Governor results in the selection of a nominee other than the endorsed candidate, a meeting of the State Central Committee shall be convened within ten (10) days of the certainty of the election results. The purpose of this meeting shall be to consider a post-primary endorsement of the nominee for Governor. If an Independent-Republican primary election for any other state office results in the selection of a nominee other than the endorsed candidate, a meeting of the State Central Committee may be convened within ten (10) days of the certainty of the election results. The purpose of this meeting shall be to consider a post-primary endorsement of the nominee winning the primary election. Such a meeting may also consider post-primary endorsement of an Independent-Republican nominee for any other state office for which no pre-primary endorsement was made.
- D. Legislative Endorsing Conventions:
1. Legislative districts endorsing conventions wholly within a given BPOU may be held subject to the provisions of said BPOU constitution and/or bylaws, provided said provisions are not in conflict with state statutes or the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota State Constitution.
 2. Where a legislative district crosses BPOU lines, but lies within a congressional district, the congressional district executive committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener, and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the BPOU's involved.
 3. Where a legislative district crosses congressional district lines, the State Executive Committee may issue the call for an endorsing convention, appoint the convener and specify the delegate voting strength of the delegates from the BPOU's involved.

D. Legislative Endorsing Conventions: Continued

4. In the event that a majority of the precinct chairmen and chairwomen from the legislative district which crosses BPOU or congressional district lines should sign a petition requesting an endorsing convention and specifying the convener and the delegate voting strength of the convention, the congressional district chairman and chairwoman or State Chairman and Chairwoman, on behalf of the respective executive committee, which has jurisdiction as specified in Section 2, D2, D3 of this Article, shall issue the call for such convention.
5. Eligible voters at legislative endorsing conventions shall be the delegates or their alternates as duly elected at the most recent Independent-Republicans of Minnesota Precinct Caucus held within the political boundaries of the legislative district.

SECTION 3: Seating of Alternates:

Once the temporary organization has been established, the first order of business of a state or congressional district convention shall be the seating of alternates. The permanent voting roll of the convention shall be composed of the delegates of each basic political organizational unit who actually are present, and in the absence of any delegate to the convention, an alternate shall be seated in his/her stead during his/her absence according to the procedure established by the Constitution or Bylaws of the basic political organizational unit. When a delegate returns to the floor of the convention, he or she will be seated immediately.

SECTION 4: Election and Terms of Delegates:

- A. All state, congressional district, and basic political organizational unit delegates and alternates shall be elected in general election years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected, or upon adoption in their respective basic political organizational unit constitution, they may elect delegates and alternates to the congressional district and state conventions annually in the same manner as provided in the general election year, and these delegates and alternates elected under this option shall hold office for a term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected.
- B. All delegates and alternates elected under the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 B; Article VII, Section 1 B, shall serve until their successors are elected but in no case for longer than two years after election and shall not serve as a delegate or alternate more than once under these provisions. Only those persons who will be legal and qualified voters in the next general election shall be eligible to participate in the election of these delegates and alternates.

SECTION 4: Election and Terms of Delegates: Continued

- C. In compliance with the Rules of the Republican National Convention, no delegate or alternate may be an automatic delegate or alternate. Each must be elected by the respective convention.

SECTION 5: Vacancies. A vacancy shall occur in a delegate's position upon his/her death, resignation or removal from the geographical area from which he/she was elected, or upon the failure of the body having power of election to fill such position, if no duly elected alternate is available to fill the vacancy. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original delegate or alternate was elected.

SECTION 6: Nothing in this Article is intended to affect the right of the convention to authorize, by rule, the delegates present to vote the entire voting strength of the basic political organizational unit.

ARTICLE VI

State Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition. State conventions shall be composed of the following:

- A. Delegates from various political organizational units of the state who are elected at their conventions.
The number of delegates from the various basic political organizational units shall be apportioned among the basic political organizational unit upon such basis as the State Executive Committee or the State Central Committee may determine, provided that the basis of apportionment shall be uniform throughout the state, and shall be based upon the vote for the Republican candidate for governor in the last preceding statewide general election; or, if such election were a presidential election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for president.
- B. Subject to Article V, Section 4 B, two delegates and two alternates elected by each of the statewide Independent-Republican Affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws.

SECTION 2: Committees. State Convention Committees consisting of a Platform Committee, A resolutions Committee, a Rules Committee, a Credentials Committee, and such other state convention committees as may be necessary or desirable shall be organized. The number of members in each committee shall be appointed as follows:

- A. An equal number of members from each Congressional District to be appointed by the District chairman and chairwoman of the respective Congressional District.

SECTION 2: Committee. Continued

- B. Members at large to be appointed by the State Party Chairman and Chairwoman, the number of which is not to exceed 15% of the total membership of any committee, and
- C. A chairman to be appointed by the State Party Chairman and Chairwoman.

Such committees shall begin to perform their respective duties before the convention opens, and shall be subject to the confirmation of the state convention. Such committees shall be selected from the official roster of duly elected delegates or alternates to said state convention.

SECTION 3: Time and Place of Convention. A regular state convention of the party shall be held in each general election year at such time and place as the State Central Committee may determine. Special state conventions may be called at such other times and places and for such purposes as the State Central Committee may determine.

ARTICLE VII

District Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition. Congressional district conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the district:

- A. Delegates apportioned and elected at the basic political organizational unit convention, in like manner, as delegates to state conventions, provided that in any congressional district consisting of, or including a portion of a basic political organizational unit, delegates from such portion to the congressional district convention shall be elected in a manner determined by the basic political organizational unit constitution, bylaws or by a motion of its convention.
- B. Subject to Article IV, Section 4 B, one delegate and one alternate who are residents of the district elected at a district caucus held by any of the statewide Affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws.

SECTION 2: Time and Place of Convention. Congressional district conventions shall be held annually at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the committees of the respective congressional districts, and at such other times and for such other purposes as the committee calling the conventions may determine. The place of holding congressional district conventions in each district shall be determined by the congressional district committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Basic Political Organizational Unit Conventions

SECTION 1: Composition. Basic Political Organizational Unit conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the basic political organizational unit.

ARTICLE VIII: SECTION 1: Continued

Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses which 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 basic political organizational unit committee, provided that such basis shall be uniform throughout the basic political organizational unit and shall be based on vote cast for the Republican candidate for governor in the last 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 basic political organizational unit 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 Basic Political Organizational Unit Convention. Basic political organizational unit conventions shall be held annually at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the congressional district committee or the basic political organizational unit committee preceding congressional district and state conventions. Notwithstanding the above, Hennepin County, as a BPOU, shall convene biennially in even numbered years. Special basic political organizational unit conventions may be held at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the congressional district committee, or the basic political organization unit committee at such time and for such purpose as the committee calling the same may determine. Basic political organizational unit conventions shall be held at a place determined by the respective committees.

SECTION 3: Delegates and Alternates to State and District Conventions. Delegates and alternates to the congressional district and state conventions shall be elected at the basic political organizational unit conventions in even numbered years; or if provided in the basic political organizational unit constitution, may be elected annually. A basic political organizational unit may elect up to twice as many alternates as the number of delegates allotted, provided that the basic political organizational unit convention or constitution specified 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 basic political organizational unit's constitution or bylaws or by a caucus of the delegates from that basic political organizational unit.

ARTICLE IX
State Party Administration

SECTION 1: State Central Committee

A. Duties and Responsibilities

1. 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.
2. Bylaws. The State Central Committee may prepare, adopt and operate under such bylaws as are deemed necessary for the transaction of business of the party. The bylaws shall contain the specific delegation and division of responsibilities and the duties among the various departments of the state organization and may specify whatever rules and administration procedures are deemed necessary by the State Central Committee.

The bylaws may not be adopted or amended by less than two-thirds (2/3) of the State Central Committee present after written notice of any proposal for adoption or amendment has been submitted with the notice of the meeting. Proposals for consideration shall be presented to the State Central Committee by the State Constitution Committee which will also serve as the State Bylaws Committee.

B. Composition. The State Central Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The members of the State Executive Committee and Congressional District chairs.
2. One delegate and one alternate elected from each of the statewide Independent-Republican Affiliate organizations as listed in the party bylaws.
3. Each Independent-Republican state constitutional officer and each Independent-Republican member from Minnesota of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives, or his/her appointee, shall be a member of the State Central Committee for the duration of his/her term of office.
4. 300 delegates and up to three times as many alternates apportioned among the congressional districts, determined by the ratio of each congressional district's Republican vote in the last general election for President or Governor. 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.

ARTICLE IX: SECTION 1 B: Continued

The delegates and alternates shall be elected in odd numbered years from within the congressional district in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional District Constitution. In the event that any congressional district delegate and his or her alternate is unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, the Congressional District Constitution shall provide for a procedure for appointment of a replacement from among the other alternates elected in that district.

A congressional district delegate or alternate elected pursuant to this section shall serve a two-year term commencing on the date of his/her election and terminating on the date his/her successor is elected. A vacancy in a delegate or alternate position may be filled for the unexpired term by the respective body or officers having power of appointment or election.

5. The Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, if a member of the Independent-Republican Caucus (otherwise the leader of the House Independent-Republican Caucus), and the leader of the Independent-Republican Caucus, in the Minnesota State Senate.

SECTION 2: State Executive Committee

- A. Composition. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
 1. The state chairman, chairwoman and secretary-treasurer;
 2. The national committeeman and committeewoman;
 3. One state vice chair from each congressional district;
 4. Finance chair.

SECTION 3: State Party Officers

- A. Composition. The state party officers shall consist of the following:
 1. Chairman
 2. Chairwoman
 3. Eight vice chairs
 4. Secretary-treasurer

ARTICLE IX: SECTION 3: Continued

B. Election, Terms and Removal

1. The party officers shall be elected at large by the State Central Committee except for the eight vice chairs. One vice chair shall be elected from each Congressional District by a caucus of the State Central delegates and seated alternates from the Congressional District. A district chair and any other member of a Congressional District committee shall be an eligible candidate for state vice chair.

Upon election as state vice chair, a Congressional District chair must resign his or her position as Congressional district chair.

2. State party officers shall serve no more than four (4) consecutive full terms in the same office.
3. Any state party officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the State Central Committee.
4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of state chairman or state chairwoman, the State Central Committee shall meet within 30 days thereafter to elect a successor.

SECTION 4: General Provisions Relating to State Party Administration

- A. Terms of Appointees. Persons appointed under this Article shall have terms of office expiring with the death, removal from office or geographical area, resignation or expiration of the term of the appointing officers, and each such person may be removed at the discretion of the appointing officer.
- B. Terms of Officers and Committee Members. Unless otherwise provided, all party officers and committee members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.
- C. The state chairs shall meet with the district chairs as a group at least once every three months.

ARTICLE X

Congressional District Party Administration

SECTION 1: Congressional District Committee

- A. Duties and Responsibilities. The management of the affairs of the party pertaining to each congressional district shall be vested in the district committee of such district, subject to the direction of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, and the congressional district convention provided that the congressional district committee shall have no jurisdiction over local affairs within the respective basic political organizational units in the district.

ARTICLE X: SECTION 1: Continued

- B. Composition. The composition of each congressional district committee shall be provided in their respective district constitutions and/or bylaws.
 - C. Officers. The officers of each congressional district committee shall be at least one chair, and such additional officers as may be determined by each congressional district constitution and/or bylaws.
 - D. Election of Officers. The delegates to each congressional district convention held in odd-numbered years shall elect the officers of the congressional district committee from any members of the party residing within the district.
- SECTION 2: Congressional District Executive Committee. The Congressional District Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Congressional district committee and such additional members as provided by the respective congressional district constitutions and/or bylaws.
- SECTION 3: Removals. Any officer of a congressional district committee, or any member of a congressional district executive committee may be removed by two-thirds vote of all the members of the district committee.

ARTICLE XI

Basic Political Organizational Unit Administration

SECTION 1: Basic Political Organizational Unit Committee

- A. Composition. The basic political organizational unit committee shall consist of the basic political organizational unit party officers and such other members as the basic political organizational unit constitution, bylaws, or convention may prescribe.
- B. Officers. The officers of each basic political organizational unit shall be at least one chair and such additional officers as may be determined by each basic political organizational unit constitution and/or bylaws.
- C. Election of Officers. The officers and other members of the basic political organizational unit committee shall be elected at each basic political organizational unit convention held in odd-numbered years; provided that such basic political organizational unit convention may provide for the selection of such officers and members in such other manner as it may deem proper. Hennepin County, as a BPOU, shall elect its officers in the even-numbered years.
- D. Management and Fund Raising. The management of the affairs of the party shall be as set forth in Article IV, Section 3 and 4. Organizers or other representatives of state, congressional district or legislative district authorities shall not solicit memberships or funds within any basic political organizational unit without 14 days written prior notice to the basic political organizational unit chairman and chairwoman. (See Article IV, Section 2.)

ARTICLE XI: Continued

- SECTION 2: Basic Political Organizational Unit Executive Committee. The basic political organizational unit convention may provide for a basic political organizational unit executive committee, of such size as it deems proper, who shall be members of the basic political organizational unit committee.
- SECTION 3: Removals. Any basic political organizational unit representative on a congressional district committee, any officer of a basic political organizational unit executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the basic political organizational unit committee.
- SECTION 4: Vacancies in Precinct Officers. The basic political organizational unit chairman with the approval of the basic political organizational unit committee may call a special caucus, for one or more precincts, in the manner prescribed by statute for biennial precinct caucuses for the sole purpose of filling vacancies where such exist at the time of notice or may provide for the appointment of an acting officer until an officer is duly elected.

ARTICLE XII

National Committeeman and Committeewoman

- SECTION 1: Selection of National Committeeman and Committeewoman. In the year of each presidential election, immediately after the state convention which precedes the Republican National Convention, the State Central Committee shall meet and select a national committeeman and a national committeewoman; provided, however, that the representative members on the State Central Committee referred to in Article IX, Section 1, B 3, of this constitution shall not be entitled to participate in such election.

ARTICLE XIII

Constitution Committee and Amendments

- SECTION 1: Constitution Committee. Immediately following each regular state convention, two persons shall be appointed from each congressional district, by the congressional district chairmen and chairwomen, to serve as a State Constitution Committee. The chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and Chairwoman of the State Central Committee. This committee shall serve through the next succeeding regular state convention. This committee shall give consideration to and may propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of this constitution to the State convention.

The State Constitution Committee shall also serve as the State Bylaws Committee and shall give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments of the bylaws to the State Central Committee. Any member of the State Constitution Committee shall have the privilege of addressing the Convention or the Committee at a State convention or a State Central Committee meeting when any report of the Constitution Committee shall be considered.

ARTICLE XIII: Continued

SECTION 2: Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any State Convention, provided that any proposal for amendment shall be referred to the state constitution committee and reported out of said committee by at least a minority report signed by three such committee members before it shall be submitted to the convention.

ARTICLE XIV
General Provisions

SECTION 1: Other constitutions and bylaws. Any body within the party organization may adopt and amend a constitution and/or bylaws for its own government not inconsistent with this constitution.

SECTION 2: Affiliated Independent-Republican Organizations. The right of special organizations having Independent-Republican affiliations to exist and carry on their activities as they see fit, consistent with the objects, platforms, and principles of the party shall be recognized, and the organization of permanent local clubs and organizations or party members for the purpose of holding meetings and carrying on other activities in furtherance of party and public welfare shall be permitted and encouraged, and the activities of all such organizations during the election campaigns shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

SECTION 3: 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 statement of the charges against him/her at least ten days prior to such meeting.

SECTION 4: Vacancies

- A. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective bodies or officers having power of election or appointment, except officers or members of congressional district or basic political organizational unit committees which shall be filled by such committees.
- B. In the case of a vacancy in the office of any chairman or chairwoman, the corresponding vice-chairman or vice-chairwoman shall perform the duties of the office until the election of a successor.
- C. A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of an officer or committee member or upon his/her removal from the geographical area from which he/she was elected.

SECTION 5: Affiliates. Any group applying for Affiliate status shall submit a copy of its bylaws and/or constitution which specifies the purpose, officers and membership of the organization to the State Chairman, who in turn shall send copies to the member of the State Central Committee at least thirty days prior to any official action. Upon receiving prior written notice that the matter will be on the agenda the State Central Committee may add or remove an Affiliate.

ARTICLE XIV: Continued

SECTION 6: Financial Data/Congressional District/Basic Political Organizational Unit, and Legislative District Budgets

- A. The officers of each Congressional District, each Basic Political Organization Unit, and Legislative District organization shall prepare biennial budgets for review by the State Party Treasurer and likewise shall submit financial data to the State Party Treasurer and Finance Committee as requested.
- B. The Party Treasurer shall report at least quarterly on the financial status of the State Party to members of the State Central Committee.
- C. All monies received in the name of the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota shall be deposited in its account. All monies received shall be reported by the State Party Treasurer along with copies of any reports required by state or federal law.

SECTION 7: 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, at any level of the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota, converts to his/her own use any party funds, party officers shall diligently encourage and assist all law enforcement personnel in prosecuting the violator to the full extent of the law.

BYLAWS
OF
THE INDEPENDENT-REPUBLICANS OF MINNESOTA

ARTICLE I

Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Independent-Republicans of Minnesota.

Section 2. State Party offices shall be located at such places as the State Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II

State Central Committee

Section 1. The business and property of the Party shall be managed by a State Central Committee composed of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 1B of the Party Constitution.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Central Committee may be called by the chairman and chairwoman or by the State Executive Committee or by any twenty (20) members of the State Central Committee who must be from no fewer than two congressional districts. Written notice of each meeting shall be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days in advance.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of thirty (30) per cent of the delegates, who must come from no fewer than twenty-nine (29) counties.

Section 4. No delegate shall be entitled to cast more than his own ballot on any business conducted at State Central Committee meetings. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.

Section 5. The State Central Committee shall elect the State Party officers according to the following procedure: Following the District conventions in each odd-numbered year, a nominating committee composed of District chairmen and chairwomen, or District vice-chairmen and vice-chairwomen, or their appointees, shall meet and select at least one (1) candidate for each State Party office. In June of each odd-numbered year, the State Central Committee shall meet at the call of the State chairman, or any three (3) of their own number, and elect the State Party officers from any members of the Party.

Section 6. At each meeting of the State Central Committee, the State Party chairman and chairwoman shall submit statements of the activities of the Party officers since the previous meeting, together with a report of the general financial condition of the Party and of the condition of its tangible property.

ARTICLE III

State Executive Committee

Section 1. The State Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration of State Party affairs, subject to the direction and control of the State Convention and the State Central Committee. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 2A of the Party Constitution.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Executive Committee may be called by the chairman and chairwoman or by any three (3) members of the committee. Unless he/she waives notice each member shall be entitled to notice of each meeting in writing -- by mail or telegram, or orally -- in person or by telephone, at least 24 hours in advance.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of fifty (50) percent of the voting members.

Section 4. No member shall be entitled to cast more than his own ballot on any business conducted at State Executive meeting. No voting by proxy shall be permitted, except that a vice-chair may give a proxy to a State Central Committee delegate from his or her Congressional District.

If a vice-chair no longer resides in the district from which he or she was elected, or in the event of death, resignation or removal from office of a vice-chair, a caucus of the district's State Central Committee delegates to fill the vacancy shall be convened within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs at the call of the State chairman and chairwoman.

Section 5. The State Executive Committee may organize itself into functional sub-committees and may appoint such advisory members as are necessary to deal with specific areas of Party operations (such as youth, personnel, finance, data processing, research, candidates and campaigns, public relations, leadership training, auxiliaries and the day to day direction of Party affairs).

Section 6. There shall be at least three (3) meetings of the State Central Committee per year, and there shall be an Executive Committee report at each meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The State Party officers shall consist of the persons enumerated in Article IX, Section 3A of the Party Constitution.

Section 2. No person shall at the same time be a District Party officer and a State Party officer.

Section 3. The chairman shall preside at all State Central Committee meetings and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Party and over the other officers. The chairman shall execute all bonds, mortgages and other contracts of the Party, and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office.

Section 4. The chairwoman shall preside at all State Central Committee meetings and shall perform all other duties of the Chairman, in the case of his absence or disability, and during the period of a temporary vacancy pending election of his successor. In the event the chairman is a woman, the chairwoman's office shall be filled by a man.

Section 5. The eight vice chairs shall be assigned such duties and responsibilities as the chairman and chairwoman may from time to time determine.

Section 6. The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of conventions, State Central Committee meetings and State Executive Committee meetings, and shall have charge of all Party books, records and papers.

The secretary/treasurer shall also have the custody of all moneys and securities of the Party and shall give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the State Executive Committee may require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office. He or she shall keep regular books of account, and shall submit them, together with all his or her vouchers, receipts, records and other papers to the State Central Committee for their examination and approval as are incident to the office. During a temporary vacancy in the office of secretary/treasurer, pending the election of a successor, the chairman and chairwoman shall appoint a temporary secretary/treasurer, subject to the approval of the State Executive Committee.

Section 7. The State Party officers generally shall have the responsibility to organize, or cause to be organized, each precinct in the state, and to seek out qualified candidates and encourage them to seek public office. No Party officer shall use his or her official position to promote pre-primary endorsement support or induce the candidacy of any individual by assuring Republican support prior to any endorsement by the convention which is representative of the entire electorate for the office.

ARTICLE V

Affiliates

Section 1. Any group meeting the qualifications set forth in Article XIV, Sec. 5 of the State Party Constitution whose application shall have been submitted to the members of the State Central Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to a called meeting shall be granted Affiliate status upon resolution and adoption by a majority of the members present.

Section 2. Removal of an Affiliate shall require a thirty (30) day written notice to members of the State Central Committee and be adopted by resolution at a called meeting by a vote of the majority of the members present.

Section 3. At all times, a list of currently approved Affiliates shall be attached to the By-Laws of the State Central Committee Constitution as an addendum.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the State Central Committee present after written notice of any proposal for amendment has been submitted in the notice of the meeting.

Amended by Independent-Republicans of Minnesota State Central Committee - 6/20/87

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CURRENT AFFILIATES

- Teenage Independent-Republicans of Minnesota (TAIR'S)
- College Independent-Republicans (CR's)
- Young Independent-Republican League of Minnesota (YRL)
- Minnesota Federation of Independent-Republican Women
- Minnesota Independent-Republican Workshop
- Minnesota Independent-Republican Heritage Council
- Minnesota Independent-Republican Hispanic Council
- Black Independent-Republican Council
- Labor Federation of Independent-Republicans of Minnesota (LFIRM)
- Minnesota Independent-Republican Farm Council
- Independent-Republican Seniors of Minnesota (I-R Seniors)
- Education Advisory Council

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