



**BYLAWS OF
THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

Article I – Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Third Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota.

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

Article II – Committees

Section 1. The following committees shall be permanent, standing committees: (1) Constitution and Bylaws; (2) Finance; (3) Get Out The Vote; (4) Nominating/Search; (officers and candidates); and (5) Candidate Funding Committee.

Section 2. The ad hoc committees shall include convention committees and such other ad hoc committees as the Full Committee or Executive Committee deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Third Congressional District. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall establish the number of members of the committees and appoint the chairs and members.

Section 3. One of the Third Congressional District Full Committee meetings shall be in November or December to consider the Annual Budget Proposal of the Finance Committee. In the years following redistricting, the Finance Committee shall propose an Interim Budget Proposal for the remainder of the year.

Article III – Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each BPOU. The chair of this committee shall be appointed by the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs and shall be a voting member of the Third Congressional District Executive Committee.

Section 2. The BPOU chairs shall appoint their member of this committee subject to approval by the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs. In the event a member is not appointed by the BPOU, or approved by the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs, the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall have the discretion to make such appointment either from within the BPOU or at large. The BPOU chairs shall have 14 days after the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs have given notice by mail to propose their appointments.



Section 3. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall also give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of the Third Congressional District Constitution to the Third Congressional District Convention.

Section 4. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall also give consideration to and propose appropriate amendments and/or revisions of the Third Congressional District Bylaws to the Third Congressional District Full Committee.

Section 5. Four (4) members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV – Finance Committee

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of a chair, the Treasurer of the Third Congressional District (who may be appointed chair) and a number of other members to be determined by the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall appoint the chair and members of the Finance Committee, except for the Treasurer who is automatically a member.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing the proposing Annual Budget Proposals at the November or December Third Congressional District Full Committee meeting and, when necessary, Interim Budget Proposals at the next scheduled Third Congressional District Full Committee meeting.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing a Fundraising Plan. This plan shall be approved by the Third Congressional District Executive Committee.

Section 4. Quorum for the Finance Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article V – Get Out the Vote Committee

Section 1. The Third Congressional District Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each BPOU. The Congressional District Co-Chairs shall appoint the chair. The Third Congressional District GOTV Committee chair shall appoint the representative from each BPOU with advice from the BPOU chair or co-chairs. The Third Congressional District GOTV chair shall regularly report to the Third Congressional District Full and Executive Committees, including in the report the names of members of the Third Congressional District GOTV Committee. After appointment, members of the Third Congressional District GOTV committee may be removed by the Third Congressional District GOTV chair only with the consent of the Third Congressional District Full Committee or Executive Committee.



Section 2. The Third Congressional District GOTV Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing the Get Out The Vote program for the Third Congressional District in conjunction with the state party and the BPOUs in the Third Congressional District.

Section 3. Quorum for the Third Congressional District GOTV Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article VI – Nominating/Search Committee

Section 1. The Nominating/Search Committee shall consist of a chair and a number of other members to be determined by the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall appoint the chair and members of the Nominating/Search Committee.

Section 2. The Nominating/Search Committee shall be responsible for interviewing and recommending qualified candidates for party offices and elected public offices. This committee may act when a vacancy occurs in any of these offices.

Section 3. Quorum for the Nominating/Search Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article VII – Candidate Funding Committee

Section 1. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Candidate Funding Committee. The membership of this committee shall be a member of the Executive Committee as committee chair, and at least four other members.

Section 2. The Third Congressional District Candidate Funding Committee shall be responsible for considering all funding requests from candidates, interviewing the endorsed candidate or his/her representative, and researching the individual campaign's need for funds. The Candidate Funding Committee shall recommend to the Third Congressional District Co-Chairs and the Executive Committee suggested amounts to be given to Republican endorsed candidates.

Section 3. Quorum for the Candidate Funding Committee is a majority of its duly authorized members.

Article VIII – Miscellaneous

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall operate under the Bylaws of the Third Congressional District as authorized by the Constitution. In the event of a conflict between the Constitution and the Bylaws, the Constitution will prevail.



Section 2. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any Congressional District Full Committee meeting, or by a majority vote of any Congressional District Convention, provided that (10) days written notice has been provided.

Section 3. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall appoint the Third Congressional District at-large member to the State Central Committee.

Section 4. The Third Congressional District Co-Chairs shall appoint Third Congressional District members to state convention committees as required or requested. The chair of the Third Congressional District Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall automatically be one of the two Third Congressional District representatives on the state party Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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APPENDIX I

Allocation of Full Committee Members to BPOU's per GOP Romney Presidential votes at November, 2012, General Election and after Court Redistricting Order of February, 2012:

BPOU	ROMNEY VOTES	ALLOCATED MEMBERS
Carver	14,805	(3)
SD 33	30,211	(6)
SD 34	26,979	(5)
SD 35	3,251	(1)
SD 36	21,225	(4)
SD 37	5,628	(1)
SD 40	6,512	(1)
SD 44	24,435	(5)
SD 45	2,288	(1)
SD 46	2,370	(1)
SD 48	24,020	(5)
SD 49	20,897	(4)
SD 50	13,181	(3)

TOTALS: 139,331

CONSTITUTIONAL FORMULA: One (1) member for the first 2,501 Romney votes, with an additional member for each additional full 5,000 votes after the first 2,501 votes, namely:

2501-7500 = 1

7501-12,500 = 2

12,501-17,500 = 3

17,501- 22,500 = 4

22,501-27,500 = 5

27,501-32,500 = 6

