

MICHIGAN FIRST PRECINCT DELEGATES

- Conventions -

Election of party leadership and nomination of some party candidates takes place at conventions and caucuses.

Conventions and caucuses are carried out in a smooth, orderly and fair manner by following Robert's Rules of Order. It is important to know these Parliamentary Procedures.

Find a link to Robert's Rules at MIPrecinctFirst.com/resources/.

The State Central Committee establishes rules for each County Convention where Delegates are elected to State Convention, each District Caucus, and each State Convention.

The Convention Cycle on the following page describes each convention and caucus, as well as when each takes place in a 4-year timeline.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Four county conventions take place in each 2-year term for the purpose of electing (A) party leadership for the County Executive Committee or (B) state delegates to attend state conventions. Additional conventions may be organized by county parties for other purposes, but those listed in the Convention Cycle are universal to all Michigan counties.

At the conclusion of each convention, a vote is held on whether or not to elevate precinct delegates to vacant seats.

County Executive Committees issue calls to convention to:

- **Precinct delegates elected at the most recent August primary election OR elevated at a subsequent county convention**
- **"At-Large" delegates – all those who received the party's nomination in the most recent August primary election for a county or state government office (including those who did not win in the November general election)**

DISTRICT CAUCUSES

One congressional district caucus is held every 2 years to elect party leadership for the Congressional District Committee.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Three state conventions take place in each 2-year term for the purpose of (A) electing party leadership for the State Central Committee or (B) nominating major state office candidates.



4-YEAR CONVENTION CYCLE

ELECTION YEAR (PRESIDENTIAL)

Spring Conventions

County Convention: *at least 90 days prior to Fall National Convention*

Elect State Delegates to attend Spring State Convention.

State Convention: *at least 60 days prior to Fall National Convention*

Elect National Committeeman and Committeewoman (4-year term). Elect 3 delegates from each congressional district to attend the Republican National Convention.

Fall Nomination Conventions

County Convention: *between 8 and 25 days after August primary election*

Elect State Delegates to attend Fall State Convention.

State Convention

Nominate Presidential Electors, Supreme Court Justices (2), Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM and MSU (2 each)

National Convention

Nominate President and Vice President of the United States.

November Conventions

Post-Election County Convention: *within 20 days following November general election*

Elect members to serve on the County Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Within 30 days following this convention, the Executive Committee will meet to elect the county party officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

ODD YEAR

Spring Conventions & Caucuses

County Convention: *not less than 7 days before following State Convention*

Elect State Delegates to attend District Caucus and State Convention.

District Caucus: *just prior to State Convention*

Elect members to serve on the Congressional District Committee for a 2-year term: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 State Members and 15 Additional Members. The Chair and 6 State Members are members of the State Central Committee and serve on state party subcommittees.

State Convention: *not less than 37 days before the first Monday of April*

Elect party officers to the State Central Committee for a 2-year term: Chair / Co-Chair and 6 Vice Chairs



ELECTION YEAR (STATEWIDE)

Endorsement Conventions

County Convention: *April*

Elect State Delegates to attend State Endorsement Convention.

State Convention

Endorse major state office candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justices (2), Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM and MSU (2 each).

Fall Nomination Conventions

County Convention: *between 8 and 25 days after August primary election*

Elect State Delegates to attend Fall State Convention.

State Convention

Nominate major state office candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justices (2), Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM and MSU (2 each)

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