

Why there was not a valid call for Dec. Meeting.

There are many reasons, but this is one path that does not require interpretation as everything has a clear reference to a specific line in the Constitution or RONR.

All references are in *italics*. JD1 constitution refers to the Constitution prior to Dec, since that is the one that would have been in effect when the calls might have been issued (for December and January meeting.)

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Who can Make a Call?

MN GOP Executive Committee or JD1 Executive Committee

JD1 Constitution ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS

Section 1 CALL

A District Convention shall be held annually at the call of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Minnesota or the District Executive Committee.

Who is the District Executive Committee?

Defined in Section 2 Below

JD1 Constitution ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

Section 1 Officers

The elected officers of the organization shall be a Chair, a Deputy Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Vacancies in officer positions shall be filled by the District Chair and ratified by the Full Committee.

Section 2 Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers, the Finance and Search Chairs.

Section 3 Finance and Search Chairs

With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee the District Chair shall appoint a Finance Chair and a Search Committee Chair and define their duties. They shall be officers and voting members of the Executive Committee.

How long are/were their Terms?

2 Years

JD1 Constitution:

ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS, Section 3 – BUSINESS, b.

In non-general election years items to be acted upon shall include election of District officers for terms of two years, consideration of any proposals for change in this Constitution; and any other matters which might fall within the jurisdiction of the convention, as determined by the convention.

Does that mean their Terms end at the end of Two Years even if no one new is elected?

Yes

RONR P .274, II. 1-3

[the] unqualified wording "for a term of ... year(s)" should be avoided, because at the end of that time there would be no officers if new ones had not been elected.

But Section 1 of JD1 says "Vacancies in officer positions shall be filled by the District Chair and ratified by the Full Committee", Doesn't that mean the Full Committee could fill those positions?

No, because there were "No Officers" not Vacancies (*same reference, RONR p. 274, II. 1-3, above*)

What do you mean there were not Vacancies, isn't no officers the same thing?

No, Vacancies have a specific meaning.

The meaning of Vacancies is specifically defined in the MNGOP constitution.

MNGOP Constitution, ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 3: Vacancies, B

B. 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.

But that's the MNGOP constitution, does that apply to JD1?

Yes. Based on Authority and also Article XVI Section 1 further clarifies that Section 3 above applies.

The order of Authority (Not including State and Federal Law and Constitutions):

MNGOP Constitution/Bylaws

JD1 Constitution/Bylaws

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ARTICLE XVI is the General Provision Section and Applies to All Constitutions.

ARTICLE XVI of MN GOP Constitution

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.

So JD1 had "No Officers" not "Vacancies"?

Correct. Not having elections is not listed in Section 3 B as causing a Vacancy.

Couldn't the Full Committee hold elections?

No, The only power granted is filling Vacancies (Article IV Section 1) Elections are covered only by the Convention Section (Article V Section 3)

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So no one could call a convention?

No, but the only body that existed to call a convention was State Executive Committee

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The December meeting falls based on the fact that there were "No Officers" other than State Executive who could make the call and they did not. Those claiming to call the December convention had no authority to call.

Also ARTICLE V SECTION 1 also validate that State Executive did have the authority to call the January Convention.