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Dear Joan Growe :

Due to receiving a phone call from Mrs Billie Kuhrke today, asking me if I could send you a sheet from the Minnesota Review, I am enclosing the sheet you wanted to see.

Am also enclosing our Attorneys name & state chairman - so you can call either or both of them if you wish ?

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Am also enclosing a copy of our American Party Constitution for you to put on file.

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For God & Country,
Sincerely,
Mrs Carl Anderson
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**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA**

Revised at State Convention in Anoka, Minnesota

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THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I:

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the American Party of Minnesota.

Section 2. Membership in this party shall be open to all voters of the State of Minnesota who support the principles and purposes of the American Party. (See Article XII).

Section 3. Any person, to be qualified to vote on any motion, resolution, nomination or election affecting the American Party at any meeting caucus, conference, or convention in the state, counties, districts, wards, and precincts or subordinate organization as defined in Article III, Section 4, shall be:

- a. Eligible to vote at the next general election in the geographical voting unit he represents.
- b. A supporter of the principles and purposes of the party.
- c. Must be a duly elected delegate where applicable.

ARTICLE II: Precinct Caucuses

Section 1. The basis for the party organization structure shall be the precinct caucuses held in the spring of every even numbered year upon the Call issued by the State Chairman subject to the determinations of the State Central Committee and the Minnesota Election Laws. The Call shall be issued at least twenty days before the date set for the holding of such caucuses. Any person who attends his precinct caucus of this party shall be entitled to vote at that caucus if he qualifies under the membership articles of this constitution.

Section 2. The duties of the precinct caucuses shall be to elect precinct officers and delegates and alternates to ward, county and legislative conventions. Delegates to Congressional District Conventions may also be elected at precinct caucuses. Each precinct shall be entitled to send one delegate with one vote for each fifty votes or major fraction thereof cast in that precinct for the leading American Party candidate statewide at the last general election or last presidential election, whichever is greater, provided each precinct shall be entitled to at least one vote. Each precinct may elect up to two alternates for each delegate.

Section 3. Precinct officers may include a chairman, Vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer and other officers as the need arises. Precinct officers are not automatically delegates to the county convention.

ARTICLE III: County Conventions and Organizations

Section 1. County conventions, composed of the aforementioned precinct delegates shall be held in each county. In even numbered years it shall be the duty of the county conventions to elect delegates to the state and as necessary to the District Conventions. The number of delegates allocated to each county to the State Convention shall be determined by the following formula: Three (3) delegates for each county (261), plus two hundred sixty one (261) additional delegates shall be allocated to the counties by their percentage of the total votes cast at the last general election for the leading statewide American Party candidate. Such delegates shall serve for two years. Alternates shall be elected in the same manner as delegates and shall replace delegates as each county shall determine. No delegate may cast

more than one (1) vote. Fractional voting is permissible at the discretion of each county. Delegates to Congressional District Conventions shall be elected as prescribed by that District.

County conventions may provide for the selection of state and district convention delegates by legislative districts, wards, or other subdivisions of the county. Delegates so selected, when elected by the county convention, shall be deemed to represent such legislative district, ward, or subdivision for the purpose of Article I, Section 3, a.

Section 2. It shall also be the duty of the county convention to transact such other party business as may come before the convention.

Section 3. In odd numbered years, the county conventions shall elect the usual county party officers; a chairman, up to three (3) vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, publicity chairman, and such other officers as the convention deems necessary, including delegates to the State Central Committee. The elected officers and not fewer than five (5) additional members shall constitute the county executive committee.

The county central committee shall consist of the county executive committee, all members of the State Central Committee residing in that county, (who shall serve as ex-officio members without a vote), and all precinct chairmen; or all of the above listed plus a number of committee members sufficiently large to ensure equitable representation, elected as provided by the county convention.

Section 4. Subordinate city, ward, legislative district, village, township, women's or other organizations may be recognized and encouraged, provided, further, that such organizations comply with the provisions of this constitution and the county constitution, and that any person qualifying under Article I, Section 2 and 3 shall not be refused membership nor the right to hold office in such subordinate organizations.

ARTICLE IV: Congressional District Conventions and Organizations

Section 1. Congressional district conventions shall be held each year at a convenient time and place in the district, under the provisions of the Call issued by the elected District chairman.

In even numbered years it shall be the function of the district conventions to endorse candidates for Congress. A special convention may be called for this purpose.

In presidential election years, it shall also be the function of the district convention to elect delegates and the alternates to the national convention allocated to them in accordance with the rules, regulations and directives of the State Central Committee and the American Party National Committee.

Section 2. In odd numbered years, district officers shall be elected. District officers may include a chairman, vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, publicity chairman, and such other officers as the convention deems necessary.

The district executive committee shall consist of all district officers plus the elected chairmen and 1st vice-chairman of membership, fund-raising, etc. Members of the State Executive Committee residing in the District shall serve as ex-officio members without a vote.

The district central committee shall consist of the executive committee plus the chairman and the 1st vice-chairman of each county.

Section 3. The District Convention shall elect members to State Convention committees provided for in Article VI, Section 5.

Section 4. The district convention may transact such other business as may come before it.

ARTICLE V: Legislative District Conventions

Section 1. Conventions shall be held within districts apportioned to elect a State Senator to endorse candidates for the State Senate and State House of Representatives.

Section 2. Delegates elected at the last precinct caucuses within the legislative district shall constitute the legislative District Convention. Said convention shall be at the call of the Congressional District Chairman, and he shall designate a convenor. Delegates to legislative district conventions shall vote for endorsement only for those candidates said delegates may vote for in the election.

ARTICLE VI: State Conventions and Organizations

Section 1. The State Convention is the supreme governing body of this party. Subject to the action of the State Central Committee or the State Executive Committee, the State Chairman shall call a regular State delegate convention each year and may call such other delegate conventions as may be desirable.

Section 2. It shall be the function of the State Convention to endorse candidates for public office and adopt a party platform in even numbered years.

State party officers, including national committee men and/or women, shall be elected for two year terms in odd numbered years. Nominations for party officers shall be open to the floor. Each officer must be elected individually.

In presidential election years, the State convention shall elect delegates to the National convention.

Section 3. Prior to each convention, the State chairman, under the direction of the State Executive Committee, shall issue a Call to the convention setting forth the number of votes to which each county is entitled in that convention, the applicable provisions of this Constitution concerning county, district, and state conventions, and legislative conventions, the time and place of the State convention being called, and all other information and forms necessary for the conduct of such conventions. Such Call shall be mailed to all State Central Committee members.

Section 4. A quorum for the conduct of any business by the State convention shall consist of one-half of the duly elected and accredited delegates to such convention or if two-thirds of the organized counties are represented at the convention. Whenever there is any division in the voting on any matter of the State convention, the record vote shall be taken by counties, with each county chairman, or in his absence, another delegate acting in his behalf, reporting the vote of his county. In taking the vote within each county, the number of votes to which such county is entitled shall be pro-rated among the delegates present from that county, and each delegate shall cast his own vote independently of the other delegates from that county. A secret ballot shall not be permitted. No county shall send to the State Convention an instructed delegation.

Section 5. The State Chairman shall, subject to the advice and consent of the State Executive Committee, appoint a temporary chairman from each elected pre-convention committee. These committees shall include credentials, rules, resolutions, nominating, constitution and such other pre-convention committees as may be necessary or desirable. Members of these committees shall be elected as provided in Article IV, Section 3.

Section 6. The American Party's elected State officials and American Party United States Senators and Congressmen and the members of the American Party caucuses of the State Legislature shall be entitled to be non-voting delegates to the State convention.

State party officers, as defined in Article VII, Section 2, and the national committeemen and/or committeewomen shall be delegates-at-large to the State convention.

Eligibility under this section shall be determined as of the date of the official convention call.

ARTICLE VII: State Party Administration

Section 1. The general management of the affairs of the State party shall, in accord with the provisions of this constitution, be vested in the State convention and subject thereto in the State Central Committee, and subject to the determinations and directions of the said two bodies, in the State Executive Committee.

Section 2. State party officers shall be as follows: Chairman, chairwoman, up to three (3) vice-chairmen, and up to three (3) vice-chairwomen, secretary, treasurer, publicity chairman and national committeemen, and/or national committeewomen.

Section 3. The State Central Committee shall be the supreme governing and policy making body of the party between party conventions, in accord with action taken at such conventions and the provisions of this Constitution. Its members shall receive minutes of the meetings of the State Executive Committee.

Section 4. The State Central Committee shall consist of:

- a. The State Executive Committee
- b. All County chairmen and 1st vice-chairman or their alternates
- c. Additional representatives for certain counties as

hereinafter stated: Each county shall be entitled to an additional representative with one vote on the State Central Committee for each 5,000 votes or major fraction thereof cast in each county for the leading statewide candidate of the party at the last general election, or the last presidential election, whichever is larger (not to exceed five), such representative to be elected by the county convention as the county chairman is elected.

Section 5. The quorum for the meetings of the State Central Committee shall be one-third of the organized counties.

Section 6. The State Executive Committee shall have administrative authority over party affairs between meetings of the State Central Committee, and in accord with the actions and policies of the State Central Committee and the party convention.

Section 7. The State Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. The state party officers, who shall be the officers of the committee,
- b. The national committeemen and committeewomen.

- c. The chairman and 1st vice-chairman of each of the congressional districts or their alternates.
- d. The nominees of the party for statewide offices and for senator and representative in Congress.
- e. Four member-at-large elected by the State American Party convention.
- f. The immediate past state chairman and chairwoman.

Section 8. A quorum for the state Executive Committee shall be one-half of the members.

ARTICLE VIII: General Rules

Section 1. In case of any vacancy in the office of state chairman, the order of succession to that office shall be as follows: first vice-chairman, 2nd vice-chairman, 3rd vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The chairman's duties shall be those of a chief executive officer.

The secretary shall be in charge of all the files and records of the party, and it shall be his duty to prepare necessary documents and to preserve such files and records. It shall also be the duty of the secretary to open files and records of the party to examination by any duly elected member of the appropriate central committee at convenient and appropriate times at the request of such member.

The treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the party, and shall render written accounts to each meeting of the central committee and of the executive committee of his receipts and disbursements. He shall also make a full written report at each convention. The state treasurer and any other party officer or employee who may be responsible for the handling of party funds shall be under sufficient bond, the amount to be determined by the State Executive Committee. An audit of all financial records and transactions of the party shall be made by a qualified accountant at least once a year and/or at the end of the individual term of office and at such other times as may be requested by either the State Central Committee or the State Executive Committee, and his report shall be available to all members of the State Central Committee.

Section 3. All Executive committees shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings of the executive committee may be called by the chairman or by any five members of the committee, and regular meetings at stated times and places may be scheduled by vote of the committee itself. At least five days notice by mail or three days notice by wire or phone shall be given to each member of the State Executive Committee for each meeting, regular or special.

Section 4. On specific questions, a poll by mail may be taken of the members of the State Central Committee when the taking of such a poll is voted by the State Executive Committee. In all such polls, at least 15 days must elapse between the mailing of the ballots and the date set for the tabulation of returns.

Section 5. All subordinate party organizations at any regularly called convention may adopt constitutions and/or permanent rules provided such constitution and/or permanent rules are in accord with the purposes and other provisions of this Constitution. Copies of such constitutions and/or rules and of all platforms and resolutions adopted by county conventions shall be filed with the state chairman.

Section 6. The relevant sections of the Minnesota Election Laws are made a part of this constitution.

Section 7. At all conventions, visitors and alternates must be clearly separated from officially accredited delegates. Alternate delegates may serve on state, district or county committees.

Section 8. No voting by proxy or unit rule shall be permitted at any convention or meeting of the state, county, legislative or congressional organization or any other political subdivisions of the American Party.

Section 9. Staff members such as an executive director may be provided for as the need arises. They shall be subject to the approval of the State Central Committee.

Section 10. Any action to endorse or support any candidates for public office shall require at least a two-thirds vote of the appropriate convention body.

ARTICLE IX: Removals, Vacancies and Disputes

Section 1. All contests as to seats at any convention shall be considered by the credentials committee of that convention. All other disputes and contests resulting from holding of county conventions and district conventions shall be decided by the State Executive Committee.

Section 2. Removal of officers and delegates. County delegates may be removed for cause by a vote of 60% of County Central Committee. County officers may be removed for cause by a 60% vote of the County Central Committee. District officers may be removed for cause by a 60% vote of the District Central Committee. State Officers may be removed for cause by a 60% vote of the State Central Committee. In the event of any officer being removed, the appropriate central committee shall also determine whether that officer shall have the privileges of a past officer.

Section 3. Cause for the purpose of removal.

- a. Failure to support the permanent platform of the National American Party as included in Article XII of this Constitution and by word or deed, working against those principles.
- b. Committing acts of disloyalty to the American Party.
- c. Removal of officers shall include the above and/or failure to perform the required duties of the office.

Section 4. Vacancies in any state party office, except as provided in Article VIII, Section 1, herein, shall be filled by the State Executive Committee, provided the person chosen to fill the vacancy receives a majority vote. Vacancies in state, county or district offices shall be filled by the committee in which the vacancy occurs, provided the person chosen receives a majority vote.

ARTICLE X: Amendment

The State Convention shall have the sole right to amend the State Constitution and such amendments shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the delegates seated at the time the vote is taken (subject to quorum requirements) to pass. Any amendment to the constitution must be distributed to the delegates and alternates a minimum of 10 days before the State Convention.

ARTICLE XI:

This Constitution supersedes any and all other previous constitutions

of the American Party of Minnesota.

ARTICLE XII: Permanent Platform of the National American Party

1. Secret agreements: The American Party believes it necessary that government be prohibited from conducting secret treaties or agreements which in any way are binding on the United States.

2. World Government: The American Party opposes United States membership in any organization which in any way infringes on the sovereignty of the United States and its citizens.

3. Foreign Aid: The American Party believes that it is a violation of the right of private property guaranteed under the Constitution of the federal government to forcibly deprive the citizens of this nation of their property by taxation or otherwise in order to make a gift thereof to foreign governments and/or other citizens.

4. Foreign Trade: The American Party is for cutting off all trade with, and aid to, and recognition of all "slave states" (any state which denies its citizens the right to leave and take their property with them).

5. Military Posture: The American Party holds that the United States must maintain an invincible military position, since its overwhelming military strength and the ready willingness to use it has constituted throughout the ages the mightiest deterrent to aggression and the greatest service for peace.

6. The American Party opposes any United States military interference in any other country for more than 72 hours without a declaration of war by the Congress.

DOMESTIC POLICY:

1. Limitation of federal authority: The United States Government and agencies thereof, are specifically prohibited from exercising any authority whatsoever except as authorized by the Constitution. Therefore, the position of the American Party is that said government shall not:

a. Engage or subsidize any activity involving producing, selling, transporting or distributing of any goods or performing any services not authorized by the Constitution.

b. Finance, subsidize, or legislate with respect to charity, welfare, public works, or education, excepting that it may maintain academies in conjunction with the defense of the United States.

c. Incur a budget deficit in any fiscal year, except in time of declared war, or operate a planned inflationary economy.

d. Legislate respecting state laws which prescribe districts and establish qualifications of voters for state and local offices.

2. Termination of life: Since God prohibits any man from taking the life of another except in the defense of self; or another; or of country; or under the direction of law as a penalty for treason, rape or murder; then obviously, it is morally wrong to take the life of another on the grounds that such other is either too young, too old, or too ill to be permitted to live. Accordingly, the American Party asserts its eternal opposition to abortion, and labels it for what it is - murder.

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