



October 10, 1979

Sec'y. of State

Enclosed is a copy of the Constitution of the American Party of Minnesota as it was adopted in June, 1977. I believe the former chairman did not forward a copy to you. We are also enclosing a sheet of constitutional changes acted upon on June 9, 1979. Please place these in the American Party file. Thank you.

Please note the address below is now our state office address. Would you please direct any mailings to that address?

Sincerely,

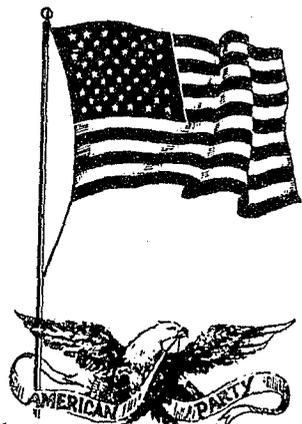
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Dr. Ev Thorne, Chairman
American Party of Minnesota

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REGARDING: Official State Convention of the AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

TO: All AMERICAN PARTY members including duly elected Delegates, Alternates and others interested in the AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

FROM: Lloyd Duwe, State Chairman
State Headquarters: Route 7, Box 258, Brainerd, Minnesota, 56401

.....STATE CONVENTION.....

Saturday, June 9, 1979

Germain Motor Inn

9th Ave. and St. Germain Street

Downtown St. Cloud
(parking in rear)

10:00 A. M.-REGISTRATION

11:00 A. M.-CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER

12:00-LUNCH

1:00 P. M.-RESUME BUSINESS SESSION

6:00 P. M. DINNER

8:00 P. M.-GUEST SPEAKER (Nationally known-will be announced)

The agenda for the Convention will be available at the Registration table.

It is no secret that we have Party problems. Ironically, some delegations have said they won't participate until Party officers have solved everything. We cannot do that without your vote. Delegates that do not attend are not part of the solution--- they are part of the problem. The opposition is working hard for the first time in years--- I suggest we do likewise.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday, June 9 in St. Cloud.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lloyd Duwe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lloyd Duwe, State Chairman
AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

The following changes in the Constitution of the AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA were recommended by our State Executive Committee and are, hereby, submitted by our State Constitution Committee:

Ruth Nevling, Chairman

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. ARTICLE VIII, after Section 1, add:
OK A. People from newly organized or unorganized counties may be seated as delegates by vote of the Convention.
2. ARTICLE X, Section 1, subtitle g. to read:
OK American Party candidates for U. S. Senator or other statewide office endorsed by the State Convention; or candidates for U. S. Representative endorsed by their respective District Convention for no more than six (6) months before the election and until the next regular election of State Party officers.
3. ARTICLE X, Section 2, Add:
OK The State Executive committee may credential temporary alternates to serve for a single meeting of the National Committee in the event of the absence or contemplated absence of the National Committeeman or alternate.
4. ~~ARTICLE XI, Section 2~~
b. ~~Chairman.~~ Shall chair meetings in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.
d. add: "Chairwoman" after Vice-Chairmen
5. ARTICLE XI, Section 4 Should read:
OK to delete The retiring State Chairman may serve as a member of the State Executive Committee. (delete the rest of the sentence.)
6. ARTICLE XIII Section 5, add:
OK No delegate shall be instructed as to how to vote.
OK No secret ballot shall be permitted except for election of officers.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

Adopted 6/11/77

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ARTICLE I

Name:

The name of this Party shall be the American Party of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II

Object:

The object of this Party shall be to encourage and convince adherents of its platform and principles to organize, join and support national, state, district, county, and other local American Party organizations; to advance its platform and principles; and, to elect qualified candidates to public office.

ARTICLE III

Membership:

The membership of this Party shall be open to each eligible voter of the State of Minnesota who supports the platform and principles of the Party.

ARTICLE IV

Precinct Caucuses:

Section 1. Only those persons who are qualified to vote for candidates for federal office in the precinct as defined by the Minnesota election law, or who will be qualified to so vote at the time of the next general election, may vote or be elected a delegate or officer at the precinct caucus. Only those persons who are in agreement with the platform and principles of the Party, and who either voted or affiliated with the Party at the last general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the Party at the next general election, may vote at the precinct caucus of the American Party.

Section 2. The duties of each precinct caucus shall be to elect precinct officers, and the proper number of delegates or alternates to the county convention as determined by the Party's call, and to pass resolutions for the county convention. The caucus may also discuss party policies, candidates, and any other business as may properly come before the caucus.

Section 3. On the fourth Tuesday in February in every general election year there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus in the manner provided. The precinct caucuses shall be held at the regular polling places for each precinct or other suitable places designated in the call. The chairman of the county, shall issue the

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call for the precinct caucus at least 20 days before the time set for holding the caucus, and shall give at least six days published notice of the holding of the precinct caucus, stating the place, date, and time for holding the caucus. He shall deliver the same information to the county auditor at least 20 days before the precinct caucus.

Section 4. Precinct officers may include a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary. Precinct officers are not delegates to the county convention unless elected such at the precinct caucus.

Section 5. Special rules for the caucus shall be:

- A. The convener shall be the temporary chairman of the caucus.
- B. The caucuses shall remain open for at least one hour.
- C. Nominations for the election of permanent officers and delegates shall remain open for at least the first half hour of the caucus.
- D. All voting shall be by secret ballot.
- E. Upon completion of the counting of votes the chairman shall announce the names of persons who are elected and shall certify the names to the chairman of the county for examination by the county executive committee and to the chairman of the state for examination by the state central committee.
- F. No caucus may be adjourned to any other place or time.

ARTICLE V.

County Conventions and organizations:

Section 1, The county conventions shall consist of the delegates elected at the precinct caucuses. Each precinct shall be entitled to at least one delegate and to an additional one delegate for each fifty votes or major fraction thereof cast in the last general election for the leading presidential, statewide, or congressional American Party candidate in that precinct. Each precinct may have up to two alternates for each delegate.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of county conventions to:

- A. Elect delegates and alternates to the state and congressional district conventions and to pass resolutions for the congressional district convention in even numbered years.
- B. Elect county officers and up to four members-at-large to the county executive committee and to propose amendments to the Party constitution for the congressional district convention in odd numbered years.

The county conventions may also consider any other business as may properly come before the convention.

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Section 3. The annual meeting of the county conventions shall be held at least 20 days before the April meeting of the state central committee. At least seven days notice shall be given of each meeting of the county convention to each delegate and alternate of the convention.

Section 4. The county officers may include a chairman, up to three vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary. County officers are not necessarily delegates to the state or district conventions unless elected such.

Section 5. The county executive committee shall consist of the county officers and up to four (4) members-at-large. Any members of the state or district executive committees residing within the county may also serve as ex-officio members of the county executive committee.

ARTICLE VI

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 VII

Congressional District Conventions and Organizations.

Section 1. The congressional district conventions shall consist of the delegates elected at the county conventions, according to the proper number of delegates pro-rated to each district by the state convention. Each county may have up to three alternates for each delegate.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the district conventions to:

- A. Elect two delegates or alternates to each of the special pre-convention committees each year.
- b. Endorse candidates for U. S. Representative in even numbered years, and pass resolutions for the state convention.
- c. Elect district officers, one member or alternate to each standing committee and up to four members at large to the district executive committee; and propose amendments to the party

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constitution in odd numbered years.

d. Elect the proper number of delegates and alternates to the national convention, according to the number allotted by the national committee, in presidential election years.

The district conventions may also consider any other business as may properly come before the convention.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the district conventions shall be held at least 45 days before the annual meeting of the state convention. At least seven days notice shall be given of each meeting of the district convention to each delegate and alternate of the convention.

Section 4. The district officers may include a chairman and first vice chairman, up to three vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary. District officers, excluding the chairman and first vice-chairman are not necessarily delegates to the state convention unless elected such.

Section 5. The district executive committee shall consist of the district officers, one member of each of the state standing committees, and up to four members at large. Any members of the state executive committee residing within the district may also serve as ex-officio members of the district executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII

State Conventions

Section 1. The State Convention shall consist of up to five hundred and twenty two (522) delegates pro-rated to each county and/or district. The number of delegates allocated to each county shall be determined by the following formula: Three(3) delegates for each county (261) plus two hundred and sixty one additional delegates shall be allocated to the counties by the percentage of the total votes cast at the last general election for the leading Statewide American Party candidate. Each county may have up to three (3) alternates for each delegate. Members of the state executive committee shall serve as delegates-at-large to the state convention.

Section 2. The State convention shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the party, shall receive minutes of the meetings of the state central committee, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in this constitution.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the state convention to:

A. Endorse candidates for public office and adopt a party platform in even numbered years.

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B. Elect state officers, standing committee chairmen four members-at-large to the state executive committee and national committeemen and alternates, and consider amendments to or revisions of the Party constitution in odd numbered years.

C. Elect the proper number of delegates and alternates to the national convention, according to the number allotted by the national committee, in presidential election years.

Section 4. The annual meeting of the state convention shall be held on the second Saturday in June, unless otherwise decided by the State Central Committee. At least 14 days notice by mail shall be given of each meeting of the state convention to each delegate and alternate of the convention.

Section 5. 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. No county shall send to the State Convention an instructed delegation.

ARTICLE IX

State Central Committee.

Section 1. The state central committee shall consist of:

- a. The State executive committee.
- b. The chairman and first vice-chairman of each county, or alternate.

Section 2. The state central committee shall have power and authority over the affairs of the Party during the interim between meetings of the state convention, shall receive minutes of the meetings of the state executive committee, and shall perform such duties as are specified in this constitution. The state central committee shall be subject to the actions and policies of the state convention.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the state central committee shall be held biannually; on the second Saturday in April and September, unless otherwise decided by the state executive committee. Special

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meetings of the state executive committee, may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Committee. At least ten days notice by mail or three days notice by phone or wire shall be given of each meeting of the state central committee to each member of the Committee.

Section 4. Forty-eight (48) members of the state central committee registered at the meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

ARTICLE X

State Executive Committee.

Section 1. The State executive committee shall consist of:

- a. The state officers.
- b. The chairman of each of the standing committees.
- c. Four members-at-large.
- d. The chairman and first vice-chairman of each district.
- e. The national committeemen.
- f. The immediate past state chairman and chairwoman.
- g. American Party candidates for U. S. Senator, U. S. Representative, or statewide office, (for no more than six months before the election, and until the next regular election of State Party Officers).

Section 2. The state executive committee shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Party during the interim between meetings of the state central committee and/or state convention, and shall perform such duties as are specified in this constitution. The state executive committee shall be subject to the actions and policies of the state central committee and state convention. None of the acts of the state executive committee shall be subject to the actions and policies of the state central committee and state convention. The State Executive Committee may credential temporary alternates to serve for a single meeting of the National Committee in the event of the absence or anticipated absence of the National Committeemen and/or Alternates."

Section 3. Regular meetings of the state executive committee shall be held quarterly; on the second Saturday of the month, unless otherwise decided by the Committee. Regular meetings of the state executive committee at stated times and places shall be scheduled by vote of the Committee. Special meetings of the state executive committee may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Committee. At least ten days notice by mail or three days notice by phone or wire shall be given of each meeting of the state executive committee to each member of the Committee.

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Section 4. Twelve (12) members of the state executive committee registered at the meeting of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

ARTICLE XI

State Officers.

Section 1. The state officers shall be a chairman, a chairwoman, a vice-chairman, a second vice-chairman, a third vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the various state officers shall be:

a. Chairman. The Chairman shall be the presiding officer of the Party. He shall serve as a member of the national committee, and as a non-voting member of the state standing committees.

b. Chairwoman.

c. Vice-chairman. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman in order of precedence shall serve in his stead.

d. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes and records of all the proceedings of the Party, and shall make the minutes and records available to members upon request. The secretary shall sign all certified copies of acts of the Party. In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the secretary shall call meetings to order and preside until the election of a chairman pro-tem. The secretary shall keep all the files of the party, shall send out to the membership a notice of each meeting, and conduct the general correspondence of the Party.

e. Treasurer. The treasurer shall be entrusted with the custody of the funds of the Party. He shall be required to make financial reports to each meeting of the state executive and state central committees, and to make a full written financial report to each meeting of the state convention. He shall be sufficiently bonded, according to an amount determined by the state executive committee. An audit of all the financial records of the Party shall be made by a qualified accountant at least once a year and/or at the end of each term of office. The state treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member of the finance committee.

Section 3. The nominating committee shall meet on the second Saturday in May, unless otherwise decided by the state executive committee. It shall be the duty of the Committee to nominate candidates for state officers, standing committee chairmen, four members-at-large to the state executive committee, and national committeemen, in odd numbered years.

Nominees should be interviewed and screened by the search and screening 7.

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committee. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Each officer shall be elected individually; by ballot by means of a roll call of the counties, unless there is only one nominee for office, in which case the election may be by voice vote.

Section 4. The state officers, standing committee chairmen, four members-at-large of the state executive committee, and national committee-men shall be elected for a two year term and/or until their successors are elected; their term of office shall begin thirty days after their election. No state officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The retiring state chairman may serve as a member of the state executive committee ~~until the next regular election of state officers.~~ No state officer shall hold more than one state office at the same time.

Section 5. Vacancies in any state office may be filled temporarily by the state executive committee; except in case of any vacancy in the office of state chairman, in which the order of succession to that office shall be as follows. First vice-chairman, second vice-chairman, third vice-chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer; until: a special election by the next regular meeting of the state central committee, or the next regular election of state officers.

Section 6. Other state officers may be provided for as the need arises subject to approval by a two thirds vote of the registered delegates of the state convention. A quorum being present.

ARTICLE XII

Committees.

Section 1. There shall be four standing committees; finance, membership, publicity, and search and screening. The state convention shall elect a chairman for each of the standing committees, who shall also serve as a member of the state executive committee. The committees shall consist of eight members, one member or alternate, elected by each of the district conventions. These committees shall submit a report to each meeting of the state central committee and state convention.

Section 2. The special pre-convention committees shall be credentials, rules, nominating, resolutions and, in odd numbered years, constitution. 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. The committees shall consist of 16 members, two members or alternates, elected by each of the ~~district conventions.~~

Section 3. Other ad hoc (temporary) committees may be appointed, as may be necessary or desirable, such as an investigating and discipline 8.

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committee consisting of seven members, or an arrangements committee.

Section 4. Alternage delegates may serve on any standing or special committees.

ARTICLE XIII.

General Rules.

Section 1. All executive committees shall meet quarterly. Meetings of the executive committee may be called by the chairman or one fourth of the committee. Regular meetings at stated times and places should be scheduled by vote of the committee. At least ten days notice by mail or three days notice by phone or wire shall be given of each meeting of the committee to each member of the committee.

Section 2. Any person, to be qualified to vote in the American Party at any meeting or convention of any of the political subdivisions of the Party, must be:

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

Section 3. Visitors and alternates must be clearly separated from officially accredited delegates, at all meetings of committees and conventions.

Section 4. All votes or elections shall be decided by at least a majority vote unless otherwise specified.

Section 5. No delegate may cast more than one vote. Fractional voting is permissible at the discretion of the meeting or convention. No voting by proxy or unit rule shall be permitted at any meeting or convention of any of the political subdivisions of the Party.

Section 6. Any action to endorse and/or support candidates for public office shall require at least a two-thirds vote of the registered delegates of the appropriate convention, a quorum being present. In order to obtain and/or retain Party endorsement and/or support, candidates must agree to support the Party platform and principles.

Section 7. The relevant sections of the Minnesota election laws are made a part of this constitution.

Section 8. The rules in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered in this constitution; to which they are applicable; and, in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution or any special rules which the Party may adopt.

Section 9. All subordinate Party organizations may adopt constitutions and/or permanent rules at any regularly called convention provided such constitution and/or permanent rules are in accord with the provisions of this constitution. Copies of such constitutions and/or rules and of all platforms and resolutions adopted by county or district conventions shall be filed with the secretary.

ARTICLE XIV.

Challenges, Disputes, and Removals.

Section 1. In case the right of a person to participate at any meeting or convention is challenged, the question of his right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the whole meeting or convention. A person so challenged may not vote on the question of his right to participate.

Section 2. All contests as to seats at any convention shall be considered by the credentials committee for recommendation to that convention. All other disputes and contests resulting from the holding of county conventions and/or district conventions shall be considered by the state executive committee.

Section 3. Officers and delegates may be removed for cause by a majority vote of a special convention at the same level at which the removal is to occur, except at the state level in which case the removal shall be by the state central committee (see Art. 12 Sec. 3) a quorum being present. In the event of any officer being removed, the appropriate committee or convention shall also determine whether that officer shall have the privileges of a past officer.

Section 4. Cause for removal shall be:

- a. Committing acts of disloyalty to the American Party by word or deed.
- b. Failure to perform the required duties of the office.
- c. Failure to support the permanent platform and principles of the National American Party as included in Appendix 1 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XV.

Amendment of the Constitution.

The state convention shall have the sole right to amend the state constitution. Any amendment to the constitution must be distributed by mail to each delegate and alternate of state convention a minimum of (14) days before the Convention. Such amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the registered delegates, a quorum being present for passage. All amendments to the constitution shall go into effect immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise specified in a "Proviso."

ARTICLE XVI.

Supercedure of the Constitution

This constitution supersedes any and all other previous constitutions of the American Party of Minnesota.

APPENDIX I: Principles

Section 1. God is our foundation. Those authoring this Constitution declare the American Party to have been brought into existence upon the foundation of its organizers' belief in Almighty God and in Jesus Christ, upon their total commitment to the whole counsel of God's Word, and upon their determination that the American Party shall function, so long as it shall endure, in conformity with His will. The American Party is and shall remain a political entity which is essentially Christian oriented. It is our fervent hope that God will use the American Party to bless and save our free Republic,

Section 2. Man and Government.

a. Constitution. Members of the American Party believe that the original United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights were prepared and adopted by men acting under inspiration from Almighty God, that they are solemn compacts between the people of the states of this nation which all officers of government are under oath to obey, and that the eternal moral laws expressed therein must be adhered to or individual liberty will perish.

b. Limited Government. Members of the American Party believe it a violation of the Constitution for government to deprive the individual of his life liberty or property, except for these purposes: (1) to punish crime and provide for the administration of justice; (2) to provide for the nation's defense; (3) to compel each one who enjoys the protection of government to bear his fair share of the burden of performing the above functions.

Section 3. A Permanent Platform.

In implementation of Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, the American Party declares the following position to constitute its permanent platform.

a. Foreign Policy

1. Secret agreement. The American Party believes it necessary that our government be prohibited from conducting secret treaties or agreements in any way 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 deems it a violation of the right of private property guaranteed under the Constitution for the federal government to deprive the citizens of this nation of their property through taxation or otherwise

and make a gift thereof to foreign governments or their citizens.

4. Foreign Trade. The American Party is for cutting off all trade, aid and "recognition" of 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 it is overwhelming military strength and ready willingness to use it that has constituted throughout the ages the mightiest deterrent to aggression and the greatest bulwark for peace.

6. War. The American Party opposes any U. S. military interference in any other country for more than seventy two hours without a declaration of war by the Congress.

b. Domestic Policy.

1. Limitation of Federal Authority. The United States Government and agencies thereof are specifically prohibited from exercising any power or authority whatsoever, excepting as such power is expressly delegated by the Constitution. Therefore, excepting in furtherance of functions specifically named in the Constitution, the position of the American Party is that said government; (a) shall not engage in or subsidize any activity to produce, sell, transport or distribute any goods or perform any services not authorized by the Constitution; (b) shall not 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 of America. (c) shall not incur a budget deficit except in time of declared war; (d) shall not legislate respecting state laws which prescribe districts and establish qualifications of voters for state and local office.

2. Gun Control. The American Party supports the Constitutional right of an individual citizen to keep and bear arms. The American Party opposes, in any form, registration and/or regulation of guns, ammunition, or their owners.

3. Death Penalty. The American Party asserts its belief that the death penalty, a recognized criminal deterrent

since the commencement of recorded history, and Biblically enjoined as an appropriate deterrent and penalty, be imposed upon the conviction of murder in the first degree, treason, forceable rape or other infamous crime.

4. Law Enforcement. (a) The American Party believes that the responsibility for crime control, including capital punishment, is the legal and financial responsibility of state and local government. We therefore oppose a national police force or any attempt by the federal government to control and/or finance local or state police. (b) Treason, as defined in the U. S. Constitution, is a federal crime and is punishable by the death penalty.

5. Termination of Life. Since God and His nature's law prohibits any man from taking the life of another, excepting in defense of self, another, his country, or under the direction of law as a penalty for treason or infamous crime, obviously no one can take the life of another on the grounds that such other is either too young, too old or too ill to be permitted to continue to live. Accordingly, the American Party asserts its eternal opposition to both abortion and euthanasia and labels them for what they are: murder.

6. Monetary Policy. The American Party believes: the inalienable right of individuals to exchange their services, goods, and real property voluntarily, using any items mutually agreed upon as their media of exchange, and to mine, own, use and trade precious metals shall not be abridged by governments; nor shall governments declare anything legal tender except as provided by the United States Constitution.

7. Principles For A Fiscal Policy. (a) The Federal Government is a limited agency of the several states and its expenditures are limited to those purposes specifically delegated to it by the constitution. (b) Congress shall annually adopt a Federal budget for the following year and regulate expenditures and revenues so that no interest bearing debt is incurred, except in time of war declared by Congress.

Section 4 Amendment.

This article shall require for its amendment the same procedures as Article 15 except that it shall require 80 per cent vote in place of the two thirds vote required for amendments to other parts of the American Party Constitution.

APPENDIX II: Election Laws

202A12 State Convention, Authority of. Subdivision 1. Time of convention. The final authority over the affairs of each political party is vested in the party's state convention to be held at least once every general election year at the call of the state central committee.

Subd. 2. State Central Committee. Subject to the control of the state convention the general management of the affairs of the state party is vested in the party's state central committee.

Subd. 3. State executive committee. The state executive committee of the party shall have charge of the administration of the party's affairs subject to the direction and control of the state convention and the state central committee.

Subd. 4. Constitution, filing. The chairman of the state central committee of each party shall file with the secretary of state a copy of the party's constitution and all amendments to the constitution as they are enacted.

202A13 Committees, Conventions. The rules of each political party shall provide that for each congressional district and each county or legislative district a convention shall be held at least once every general election year. Each political party shall also provide for each congressional district and each county or legislative district an executive committee consisting of a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary. The party rules may provide for only one executive committee and one convention where any county and congressional district have the same territorial limits.

202A:14. Precinct Caucus. Subdivision 1. Time and manner of holding. At 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in February in every general election year there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus in the manner provided in section 202A.14 to 202A.19.

Subd. 2. Caucus Call. The chairman of the county or legislative district executive committee, whichever is provided for by party rules, shall issue the call for the precinct caucus at least 20 days before the time set for holding the caucus, and the call shall contain the following:

- (a) Name of party;
- (b) Precinct number;
- (c) Date caucus is to be held;
- (d) Place caucus is to be held;
- (e) Hours during which caucus shall be held;
- (f) Statutory rules governing the caucus;

- (g) A statement of business to be conducted including the election of a chairman and such other officers as may be provided by party rules, and the election of delegates to county or district conventions;
- (h) Number of delegates to be elected;
- (i) Name of the county or legislative district chairman issuing the call;
- (j) Name of the present precinct chairman or other person who will be the convenor of the caucus;
- (k) A space for entering the names of the officers and delegates elected by the caucus.

Subd. 3. Notice. The county or legislative district chairman shall give at least six days' published notice of the holding the caucus. He shall deliver the same information to the county auditor at least 20 days before the precinct caucus. The county auditor shall make this information available to persons who request it.

202A.15. Time and Place of Caucus. Subdivision 1. Precinct caucuses within a county shall be held on the day provided by law and the caucuses shall remain open for at least one hour.

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202A.16. Caucus, Who may participate and vote. Subdivision 1. Only those persons who are qualified to vote for candidates for federal office in the precinct as defined by the Minnesota election law....., or who will be qualified to vote at the time of the next general election, may vote or be elected a delegate or officer at the precinct caucus.

Subd. 2. Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the party, and who either voted or affiliated with the party at the last general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the party at the next general election, may vote at the precinct caucus.

Subd. 3. In case the right of a person to participate at the caucus is challenged, the question of his right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the whole caucuses. A person so challenged may not vote on the question of his right to participate.

Subd. 4. No person may vote or participate at more than one party's caucuses in any one year.

202A.17. Caucus, Business. Each precinct caucus shall elect a chairman and such other officers as may be provided by party rules, and the proper number of delegates to congressional district, county, or legislative district conventions as determined by the party's call. The caucus may also discuss party policies, candidates, and any other business as prescribed by party rules.

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202A.18. Caucus, Procedure. Subdivision 1. The convenor shall be the temporary chairman of the caucus.

Subd. 2. Nominations for the election of permanent officers and delegates shall remain open for at least the first half hour of the caucus.

Subd. 3. All voting shall be by secret ballot.

Subd. 4. Upon completion of the counting of votes the chairman shall announce the names of persons who are elected, and he shall certify the names to the chairman of the county or legislative district executive committee and to the chairman of the state central committee.

Subd. 5. All questions concerning the manner in which a caucus is conducted or called that are not covered by statute shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order (revised) unless otherwise specified by party rules.

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