



## **2019 MN Association of Townships**

# Presidential Nomination Primary Office of the Secretary of State

# PNP History

- 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary will be fifth in the state's history
- 1913 Minnesota Legislature passed a law establishing a PNP in 1916. Voters were required to publicly declare party affiliation. The law was repealed in 1917
- 1949 Minnesota Legislature passed a law establishing a PNP in 1952. All candidates appeared on the same ballot. Another PNP was held in 1956. The law was repealed in 1959
- 1989 Minnesota Legislature passed a law establishing a PNP in 1992. Voters were required to publicly state party preference. In 1995, a law was passed suspending further PNP until after 1999. In 1999 the PNP was repealed in its entirety.



## PNP Primer

- 2018 Law establishing the primary
- Key provisions in the 2018 law included:
  - To be held the first Tuesday in March, 2020\*
  - Requirement that voter declare political party preference
  - Political party preference is public information
  - Each party gets its own ballot meaning there could be up to four different ballots
  - Reimbursement to state, county and cities for certain costs

## 2019 PNP Law Changes

- The voter's political preference is now nonpublic data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act except it will be made available to the four major political party chairs
- Because it is classified as nonpublic data, a Tennessen Warning must be given to each voter
- Only the major parties with national conventions are allowed to participate in PNP
- The Office of the Secretary of State is given discretion on other reimbursements not listed in statute



- Key dates
  - December 31, 2019: parties certify to the OSS the names of candidates to be placed on ballot
  - January 3, 2020 – March 2, 2020: Election judges must complete one hour PNP training
  - January 17, 2020 – March 2, 2020: Absentee voting period
  - February 11, 2020: Pre-registration cutoff
  - March 3, 2020: Presidential Nomination Primary
  - March 5, 2020 – March 6, 2020: County canvassing period
  - March 10, 2020: State Canvassing Board certifies results
  - May 9, 2020: Last day for counties and municipalities to submit request for payment
  - June 8, 2020: Last day for OSS to reimburse expenses



- Things to keep in mind:
  - Elections emergency plans
  - December 4, 2019: Deadline to change polling place locations
  - Data privacy



## Ballots – Political Parties Included

- Legal Marijuana Now Party
- Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party
- Republican Party
- Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party



## Ballot - Differences

- Political Party Options
  - Write-in Line – Always at bottom of list and does not rotate. M.S. 207A.13, subd. 1(c)
  - “Uncommitted” Option – Rotates like candidate names.  
M.S. 207A.13, subd. 1(c)





## Ballots - Quantity

- Requirement – Each precinct must be provided with at least 100 ballots for every 85 individuals who voted in that precinct at the previous “similar” election, or in an amount at least 10% greater than the number of votes which are reasonable expected to be cast in that precinct, whichever supply of ballots is greater. M.S. 204B.29, subd. 1
- The last PNP in the State of Minnesota was held in 1992 and the statewide turnout was 10.64%.
- Factors to consider:
  - Many other states will also be holding Presidential Primary on same day
  - No preferential preferences poll at state caucuses
  - Results will bind delegates
  - Social Media influences, etc.

## Applications

- Online & Paper UOCAVA – available now
  - Must note party choice on application
- **Specific Regular AB Application – must be used**
- Online Regular PNP AB Application – available mid-November
- Paper (.pdf) Regular PNP AB Application
  - OSS “public” webpages in mid-November
  - Will be placed on Election Administrator Forms webpage
- Direct Balloting PNP Application
  - Will be placed on Election Administrator Forms webpage

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-administrator-forms/>

### For Presidential Nomination Primary Use Only

### Minnesota Absentee Ballot Application

Apply Online at <http://www.mnvotes.org> -OR- Complete lines 1 through 7. Please print clearly.

Return this application as soon as possible. Ballots must be returned by election day to be counted.

#### Important:

- A presidential nomination primary ballot cannot be sent to you unless you indicate on this application which major political party ballot you wish to receive. You may receive the ballot of only one major political party.
- Active duty military and overseas voters should not use this application. See the other side for more information.

1.	mark the major political party ballot which you wish to receive for the 3/3/2020 Presidential Nomination Primary:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party ballot	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Marijuana Now Party ballot		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party ballot	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party ballot		
2.	last name or surname	first name	middle name	suffix
3.	date of birth	county where you live	phone number	
	email address			
4.	mark all boxes that apply:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a MN-issued driver's license or MN ID card number. The number is: _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a social security number. The last four digits are: XXX-XX-____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card or a social security number			
	Your identification number will be compared to the one on your absentee ballot envelope.			
5.	address where you live (residence)	apt.	city	zip code
			MN	
6.	address where your absentee ballot should be sent	apt.	city	zip code
7.	I certify that I:			
	• am completing this application on my own behalf;			
	• am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote;			
	• will be at least 18 years old on election day;			
	• am a citizen of the United States;			
	• will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;			
	• maintain residence address at the address given on this application form;			
	• am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right to vote;			
	• have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;			
	• have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and			
	• have read and understand this statement: The above information is accurate, and I sign this application form under penalty of perjury, a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.			
	sign here: <b>X</b> _____ date ____/____/____			

See other side for special instructions for voters with disabilities or power of attorney.

#### official use only

Pres Pri →	received	ballot issued date	initials	type	reason replaced	repl. date:	precinct
<input type="checkbox"/> reg				M C HCF	<input type="checkbox"/> rejected		
<input type="checkbox"/> non-reg					<input type="checkbox"/> spoiled		
					<input type="checkbox"/> lost		
					<input type="checkbox"/> never received		



- **“Spoiled” AB Ballots**
- **Major Party Ballot Choice Change**
  - An AB voter may “change” their major party ballot choice through the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the PNP
  - AB voter must complete a new application
    - Inactivate the previous application – add the new application
  - Send voter a new AB ballot based on the last application received



## Election Judge Training

- Additional hour
- Within 60 days of the Presidential Nomination Primary
- Focuses on PNP procedures



## Party Choice

- Voter's choice
- Private within the polling place
- Private outside of the polling place
- Cannot change party once ballot has been received



## Polling Place Set Up

- Roster signing in private location
- Way to cover roster information
- Rosters turned away from voters when not in use
- Voter receipts placed face down



## Election Judge Roles

- Greeter Judge
  - Voters must make party choice
  - Will only receive one ballot
  - Cannot change ballot choice
- Roster Judge
  - Cover private information and party choice
  - Instruct voter to sign and mark party choice
  - Give voter receipt with party choice

Voter Signature	Major Political Party / Voter Address
	<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL





# Election Judge Roles

- Registration Judge
  - Party choice must be recorded

Example Only

07/24/2019 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY - July 24, 2019  
MCGREGOR TWP

I swear or affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address shown and have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding this election; that I am not under guardianship of the person in which the court order revokes my right to vote; have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and that I have the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

I am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote.

Voter Name	Voter Signature	Major Political Party / Voter Address	ID Number	DOB
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
5.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
6.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
7.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
8.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
9.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		
10.		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL		





## Election Judge Roles

- Demonstration Judge
  - Explain party ballots
  - Uncommitted
  - Write-in



## Election Judge Roles

- Ballot Judge
  - Ballot receipts private
  - Replacement ballots same party as spoiled ballots
    - Determine party of spoiled ballot before discarding
- Four Ballot Layouts
  - Open and verify number of ballots
  - Record Discrepancies
  - Initial ballots



## Election Judge Roles

- Head Judge
  - Explaining party choice
  - Dealing with voters who do not want to make party choice
- Health Care Facility Election Judge
  - Explain party choice
  - Voter must make party choice on AB application



## Challengers

- May not challenge party choice
- May not make lists of voters

## Complaints







- Party choice – State Election Law Complaint Form

# Roster

 STATE OF MINNESOTA Big Stone County	<b>Election Roster ODESSA</b> September 05, 2019 09/05/2019 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY
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I swear or affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address shown and have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding this election; that I am not under guardianship of the person in which the court order revokes my right to vote; have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, and that I have the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and that I am registered and will be voting only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

I am in general agreement with the principles of the party for whose candidate I intend to vote.

Voter Name and Address	Voter Signature	Major Political Party	ID Number	DOB
1. ADOLPH, GALE J 109 CEDAR AVE S	M.B.	<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DFL	0000501463 	
2. ANDREASEN, MARCY RAE 209 MAIN AVE S		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL	0003433206 	
3. ANDREASEN, MICHAEL PAUL 209 MAIN AVE S		<input type="checkbox"/> LMN <input type="checkbox"/> GLC <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> DFL	0003845217 	



# AB Application

« **ADD ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**

**YOU ARE LOGGED IN AT RAMSEY COUNTY BALLOT LOCATION.**

AB Record ID:  Voter ID: 2363210 Entry Date: 09/06/2019

AB Record Status: **Active** ▼\*

**Application Information**

Application Type:  Regular  Presidential Application Date: 09/06/2019  Received Via: **Mail** ▼\*

Election Cycle: 09/07/2019 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ▼\* Requested:  General

Political Party: \*

**Applicant Information**

Last Name: **SMYTHE**\* First: **REBECCA** Middle: **JEAN** Suffix: ▼

Date of Birth: \*

Phone:  Fax:  Email: **rebecca.smythe@state.mn.us**

Last 4 SSN:  DL #:  Passport #:   No Number Provided

**Residential Address**

MCD: 62: ST. PAUL-140 ▼

House #: 744\* Suffix #:

Pre-dir:  Street Name: **ASHLAND**\* Type: **AVE** Post-dir:

Unit Type: **APARTMENT** ▼ Unit #: 202 Bldg Name:


City: **ST PAUL** State: **MN** ▼ Zip+4 : 55104 -   Allow Manual Precincting

Address Description:

**Ballot Delivery Information**



# AB Label


 TRIAL


3146102 PNP 09/07/2019 ML PCT R      B3479920

C 62 0600-ST. PAUL W-1 P-07 625

REBECCA JEAN SMYTHE      G

744 ASHLAND AVE APT 202      ENV#2




 TRIAL

\*003160632\*

3146102 PNP ML PCT R 09/06 09/06

62 0600 625 ST. PAUL W-1 P-07      G

REBECCA JEAN SMYTHE      APP





# Voter Record


SVRS [SVRS Practice](#) [SVRS Stage](#) [SVRS Dev](#) [SVRS QA](#) [QA Board](#) [Test Board](#) [Election Review Board](#) [Dev Board](#) [TimeTracker](#) [Webex](#) [EKS](#)

## VIEW VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Election Information **Voting History** Vouching Transactions Correspondence

Voter ID: 3433206

MARCY RAE ANDREASEN



Date	Election	Voting Method	PNP Party	Source	Roster	County	EDR	EDR Identifi
9/5/2019	09/05/2019 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY	P	L	Roster	ODESSA	Big Stone	No	
11/6/2018	11/06/2018 - STATE GENERAL	M		Roster	ODESSA	Big Stone	No	
11/6/2012	11/06/2012 - STATE GENERAL	P		Roster	ST CLOUD W4 P6	Stearns	No	
11/4/2008	11/04/2008 - STATE GENERAL	P			ST CLOUD W4 P8	Stearns	Yes	MN Driver's Lice
11/2/2004	11/02/2004 - STATE GENERAL	P			ST CLOUD W3 P4	Stearns	Yes	
11/5/2002	11-05-2002 STATE GENERAL ELECTION	P				Sherburne	No	

BACK TO SEARCH

CORRECT VOTING HISTORY





## Recounts and Contests

- An Opinion from the Attorney General's Office was requested regarding whether or not there can be a Recount for a Presidential Nomination Primary. M.S. 204C.35
- AG opined recounts and contests do not apply to the PNP



## Access to PNP Information

- Private Data on individuals. M.S. 207A.12 (b)
  - The Secretary of State must provide the list to the chair of each major political party. M.S. 201.091, subd. 4a
- Inspection of Rosters – Conceal the party preference information like birthdates.



- Reimbursement process
  - August 30, 2019: OSS certified estimated cost to the Office of Management & Budget
  - Reimbursable costs
    - Preparation and printing of ballots
    - Postage for absentee ballots
    - Publication of sample ballots
    - Preparation of polling places (up to \$150 per polling place)
    - Preparation of voting system (up to \$100 per precinct)
    - Compensation for temporary staff and overtime payments
    - Election judge salaries
    - Compensation of county canvassing board members
    - 2019 law change adding “other expenses as approved by the secretary of state”
  - OSS Rulemaking



**CISA**  
CYBER+INFRASTRUCTURE

# Threats to Election Infrastructure

## Adversaries:

- Nation-state actors
- Non-state actors
- Cyber criminals motivated by financial gain

## Targets:

- Voter registration databases
- Voting systems
- Election reporting systems
- Storage facilities and polling places
- Public confidence in the integrity of the election
- Election officials and their families



# What You Can Do

## Mitigate Internet Vulnerabilities in a Timely Manner

- Mitigate all high and critical severity level vulnerabilities to internet-accessible systems within 30 days. Vulnerabilities with lower severity levels should be reviewed and mitigated within 60 days.

## Strengthen Password Policy and Auditing Processes

- Use multi-factor authentication and perform regular audits of password policies. Password best practices include ensuring that strong passwords are required and that administrators utilize encrypted password vaults.

## Implement Network Segmentation

- Internal network architecture should protect and control access to the entity's most sensitive systems. User workstations should be less trusted and connections to external networks should be isolated, controlled, and monitored.

## Have a Plan and Implement Backups

- Follow established enterprise network best practices for IT infrastructure. This includes implementing a strong patching methodology for operating systems and third-party products. Your organization should also create an Incident Response Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan.

## Replace Unmaintainable Equipment

- Use equipment that is maintainable with current security patching. Exceptions should be minimized and isolated.



# DHS Resources for State and Local Election Officials

## Vulnerability Scanning

- A scanning of internet-accessible systems for known vulnerabilities on a continual basis. As potential issues are identified, DHS notifies impacted customers so they may proactively mitigate risks to their systems prior to exploitation. Conducted remotely and fully automated.

## Remote Penetration Testing

- Utilizes a dedicated remote team to assess and identify vulnerabilities and work with customers to eliminate exploitable pathways. The assessment simulates the tactics and techniques of malicious adversaries and tests centralized data repositories, externally accessible assets, and web applications.

## Phishing Campaign Assessment

- Measures the susceptibility of an organization's staff to social engineering attacks, specifically email phishing attacks. The assessment takes place during a six-week period. An assessment report is provided two weeks after its conclusion. The assessment report provides guidance, measures effectiveness, and justifies resources needed to defend against and increase staff training and awareness of generic phishing and spear-phishing attacks.



# Join the Election Infrastructure ISAC

The EI-ISAC is a dedicated resource that gathers, analyzes, and shares information on critical infrastructure and facilitates two-way cybersecurity threat information sharing between the public and the private sectors.

The EI-ISAC supports the election community through:

- 24 x 7 x 365 network monitoring
- Election-specific threat intelligence
- Threat and vulnerability monitoring
- Incident response and remediation
- Training sessions and webinars
- Promotion of security best practices







Questions???