

Minnesota's precinct caucuses will be held this coming **Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:00pm**. Doors open at 6:30pm and the caucus begins at 7:00pm. To find out where your precinct caucus will be held go to:

<http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

(if you live in the country it is best to search by county, not zip code)

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

Precinct caucuses are meetings run by **Minnesota's political parties**. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values (called party platforms).

In 2018, one part of precinct caucuses will be a preference ballot for the candidates you want your political party to support for Governor.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE CAUCUS?

Each political party runs their caucus meetings a little differently. Check with your political party if you have specific questions. Generally, there are four main activities at a caucus:

1. **Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct.** This could include maintaining contact lists, holding political meetings, and helping with campaign efforts.
2. **Vote for the person you want the party to support for Governor.** This is called the preference ballot. The results help gauge support for candidates.
3. **Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support.** You can present an issue or idea for the party to support, called a **resolution**. If you convince other attendees to support your resolution, it will be taken to the next political convention. Eventually, your resolution could become part of the official party platform.
4. **Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions.** At future conventions, party delegates will endorse state and federal candidates, including for Governor. Political parties have different ways of choosing delegates at the precinct level caucus—contact your party for more information.

The following website gives samples of resolutions that can be taken to your caucus: <http://www.mnafcio.org/resources/2018-precinct-caucus-sample-resolutions>