

Chair - MN GOP Questionnaire & Declaration of Candidacy

Please complete the form below if you are interested in running to be Party Chair, Deputy Chair, or Secretary.

Then, to receive the list of SCC Delegates & Alternates, please download, print, sign, and email the list agreement to Nominations Committee Chairman Aaron Farris at chair@mncd1republicans.org. The agreement is on the MN GOP website at <https://www.mngop.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/SCC-List-Agreement.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please email Aaron.

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* Indicates required question

Name* **Bret Bussman**

Email* **babussman@gmail.com**

Phone* **218-251-8199**

Mailing Address* **40298 Pinewood Ct., Browerville, MN 56438**

Are you a year-round resident of Minnesota?*

Yes

No

Other:

Have you attended a Republican caucus in Minnesota? Please list years in which you have caucused.*

I attended Caucus in 2022 & 2024

Are you a Republican? Have you ever not been a Republican, and if so, when and why?*

Yes. I have always been a Republican

Please disclose and detail all monetary or in-kind payment from any other organization involved in political activity or competing interests with the Party. Will those payments continue if you are elected as a Party officer?*

NA

Please type your name here to authorize the Nominations Committee to complete a background check at whatever level deemed necessary.

***Bret Bussman**

Do you have any prior history of criminal activity, charges or arrests? Police reports on record, outstanding legal fines? Have you engaged in any type of illegal activity? Please disclose and describe if so.

I had a speeding & parking ticket. In 1984, to save my military career, I pled guilty to a misdemeanor for failing to timely return a TV cable box. It was a misdemeanor, a \$200 fine & 180 days probation. I have never been engaged in any criminal activity.

Are you soliciting for prostitution or other paid sexual activity of any nature? If so, please describe.

***NO**

Have you been a part of previously filed legal challenges against the Party, or are you a part of active litigation against the Party? If so, please describe.

***NO**

Please disclose and detail any previous removal from any MN GOP elected position (losing a re-election does not apply).

***NA**

Please upload a resume detailing your professional and political history.

If the size of your resume is too large to upload, you can email it directly to Nominations Committee Chairman Aaron Farris at chair@mncd1republicans.org

Upload up to 5 supported files. Max 100 MB per file.



Bret A Bussman MNGOP Chair 11-11-24.doc

Please detail your experience serving at any level of MNGOP leadership.*

Todd County BPOU Chair, SCC & State Delegate since 2023. Tripled BPOU donations & increased voter participation

Please detail your experience in a campaign field program/operation.

***Ran for SD5 Senate in 2022. Helped all SD5 Republican candidates get elected in**

2022 & 2024. Helped elect our Constitutional County Sheriff in 2022. Flipped Staples/Motley school board to conservative in 2022.

Please detail your experience managing a non-profit board or any other board.

*I have been leading people & teams since 1984. 1) I served on my Association Board; 2) Served as CFO of a VFW; 3) I worked for 2 other non-profit organizations

Please detail your experience managing staff and detail your ability to delegate. How would you describe your management style?

*My management style is Participative. I believe in the Servant Leadership philosophy. As one example of managing a staff & teams, I was Director of Operations, Plans & Training for a unit in Minnesota. I had a staff of 13 direct reports, who had about 100 soldiers under them. We serviced 87 locations around the State. We were directly responsible for the training, evaluation & readiness of all 12,000 Army National Guard & Reserve soldiers in Minnesota.

What kind of conflict-resolution skills do you have? Please describe.

*I was an Employee Relations Manager serving around 700 Associates. I have also been an HR manager. I was responsible for negotiating Health benefits. I was the fiduciary of the company's 401(k). I have also been training in non-violent crisis intervention. I have an MBA and graduated with High Honors & a 4.0 GPA.

Please detail your proven ability to raise sufficient funds for the MN GOP operating budget (\$5+ million per cycle).

*It takes a team to raise that kind of money. It's about the integrity of an organization, building relationships & a clear winning path. I have proven in my county that my plan works. In Minnesota, in my experience, a clear path to victory for our candidates as not been effectively stated.

Please detail your knowledge of state and federal election laws. Have you had any CFB or FEC training?

*I have CFB training & ran my own campaign in 2022, filing all required reports. I currently oversee CFB filing for my BPOPU.

Please detail your experience working with national partners to bring resources/funds/attention to Minnesota.

*I have not worked with national partners to bring resources, funds or attention to Minnesota.

Please detail your current relationships with elected officials at every level throughout Minnesota.

*I have a number of friends in office: Sen. Nate Wesenberg, Rep. Mike Wiener, Rep, Krista Knudsen, & Rep. Ben Davis. I have relationships with Rep. Jeff Backer, Rep. Tom Murphy & former AG Candidate Jim Schultz. Sen. Utke, who defeated me in the primary 2 years ago, are friendly with each other. I helped my County Sheriff & Commissioner get elected. I also supported Caleb Steffenhagen & Sue Ek in their campaigns.

Have you ever opposed endorsed candidates or supported unendorsed candidates? Have you ever opposed a Republican candidate in the general election? If so, please describe.

*I supported Steve Boyd in CD7, as there was no endorsement. I always support the endorsed candidates and would never vote for anyone other than a Republican.

Please detail your experience working with the media on a local and national level. What type of media training have you received? How many times have you been interviewed on camera, on the radio, etc? How many pieces have you published as op eds, LTEs, etc?

*I work with all of my local media. I have been on the radio & interviewed more times than I can count. I produce my own press releases & videos.

Have you ever been elected to public office? Run for public office? If so, please detail.

*I ran for the SD5 Senate seat in 2022. I won the endorsement and lost in the primary.

Have you made any comments on social media or been covered in a way by the media that could be problematic to the MN GOP? Please include links to social media comments that could be considered problematic and links to all news articles covering you for the Nominations Committee to review.

*My personal pillars are: Integrity, Candor, Courage, Competence & Commitment. I believe in always speaking the truth. So, anything I have shared should not be problematic.

Do you plan to take a salary as chair? What is your proposed salary, and what responsibilities would be covered by that salary?

*I do plan to take a salary, however \$100k is way to high. After reviewing the job

description, those duties would be covered by the salary. However, travel expenses & lodging would fall under JTR regulations, I assume.

What would your priorities be as MN GOP chair, and how do you plan to accomplish them?

*Focusing on a precinct strategy, standardization of processes across the organization, training and support at the BPOU level, data refinement, and volunteer & voter recruitment. We need to build and heal relationships in our Party. As its leader, it is my responsibility to provide those I serve with the resources they need to be successful. If we do these things, we will have the trifecta after the 2026 election.



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BUSSMAN,BRET ALLEN (SID: 03423919)

SID	03423919
DATE LAST UPDATED	5/23/2023
SEX	MALE
RACE	WHITE
HEIGHT	6'4"
WEIGHT	200 LBS
EYES	BLUE

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HAIR	BLONDE OR STRAWBERRY
PLACE OF BIRTH	MINNESOTA
NAME(S)	BUSSMAN,BRET A
	BUSSMAN,BRET ALLEN (PRIMARY)
BIRTH DATE(S)	7/31/1961 (PRIMARY)

ARREST SUMMARY

DATE OF ARREST	SEQUENCE CODE	TRACKING NUMBER	AGENCY DESCRIPTION
9/4/1984	A		KILLEEN PD

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ARREST DATE 9/4/1984 (1 CHARGES)

ARREST DETAIL

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SEQUENCE CODE	A
ARRESTING AGENCY	KILLEEN PD (TX0140400)

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OFFENSE RECORD

AGENCY	KILLEEN PD (TX0140400)
INTERNAL AGENCY PERSON NUMBER	54541
ARREST OFFENSE	LARC-(FREE TEXT) (23000000)
ARREST OFFENSE LITERAL	THEFT O/20 U/200
ARREST OFFENSE CITATION	X

COURT STATUS A

COURT OFFENSE	LARC-(FREE TEXT) (23000000)
COURT OFFENSE LITERAL	THEFT O/20 U/200
COURT OFFENSE CITATION	X
COURT DISPOSITION	CONVICTED (310)
COURT DISPOSITION DATE	10/18/1984
FINAL PLEADING	GUILTY (G)
COURT PROBATION	180D
COURT FINE	200
COURT COSTS	76
AGENCY RECEIVING CUSTODY	CSCD

Criminal & Traffic Records

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Likely Criminal Or Traffic Records

Bret Allen Bussman

Match Rating Based On:

First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Date Of Birth, Age

Source

DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (-
Texas)

Personal Details

First Name	Gender	Born
Bret	Male	Jul 1961
Middle Name		
Allen		
Last Name		
Bussman		

Physical Appearance

Ethnicity	Eye Color	Hair Color	Height	Weight
White	Blue	Blonde	6'4"	200 lbs

Larc-(Free Text)

Crime Type	Offense Code	Offense Description	National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Code	Case Number
Not Categorized	LARC-(FREE TEXT)	Larc-(free Text)	346	2081401
Arresting Agency	Court Name	Court Costs	Fines	Plea
Killeen Pd	For Ncic 2000 Data Conversion Purposes Only	\$76.00	\$200.00	Guilty
Probation	Disposition	Disposition Date		
180d	Convicted	Oct 18, 1984		