



Saginaw County GOP Convention

MINUTES

**Thursday, January 26, 2023
Saginaw Field and Stream**

Call to Order

1. Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. This meeting will be videotaped for transparency and accuracy of minutes.

Invocation

Led by Brian Forbes

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kerry King

Point of Order – Josiah Jaster

1. Stated guests are seated among voting delegates.
 - a. There was a delegate not allowed to gain his credential.
 - b. Law enforcement present must hear by institute criminal proceedings to any offender.
 - c. Jason Wise and Steve Gerhardt were recognized as officers present.
 - d. Chairman Tucker asked individual in question to rise.
 - e. After much discussion and debate, Denny Harris was seated but needed credentials.

Point of Order – Josiah Jaster

1. Stated that there are other delegates seated at tables with guests.
 - a. Chairman Tucker stated that we will adhere to the order and have guest move to the back row.

Point of Order – Josiah Jaster

1. Stated guests have been credentialed that are not delegates.
 - a. Individuals are Cindy Ankoviak, Patricia Coven and Birt McKendree.
 - b. Suggested by delegate Jaster to show the video.
 - c. Delegate stated the minutes are incorrect.
 - d. Josiah Jaster stated to have officer Jason Wise act on the individuals who are Cindy Ankoviak and Patricia Coven that was present and being harassed by Josiah.
 - e. Chairman Tucker stated that Stu Foster of the MIGOP is aware of the situation.
 - f. Josiah Jaster attempted to illegally coerce law enforcement to break the law.
 - g. A vote was taken by entire body, that credentials must be returned from individuals, and it was accepted.
 - h. William Wilkey asked point of information and asked who is Stu Foster? He stated that he is not here.
 - i. Gary Ell stated that he is administration for MIGOP.
 - j. Chairman Tucker stated to have a vote on the appealed ruling.
 - k. Andrea Paschall asked who is running the show.
 - l. Chairman Tucker stated that Jim Conger is his Parliamentary.
 - m. Josiah Jaster stated there is not a Parliamentary since it was not voted on. He stated that there must be a vote taken as there is an appeal on the ruling.
 - n. Chairman Tucker led the vote on the motion.
 - o. Josiah Jaster stated that the individuals in question should not be permitted to vote.
 - p. Chairman Tucker moved forward on the vote. A standing vote was taken. Ayes have it.
 - q. Debra Ell was called upon to clarify various points of concern.
 - r. There being disagreements over what was actually stated.
 - s. Debra Ell being interrupted and shouted down repeatedly by point of order by Jaster, as she tried to bring about the papers to explain. She tried to show proof that the delegates were in fact delegates and has the proof that the three (3) delegates have the right to be here. Debra Ell again trying to speak was shouted down by Josiah Jaster and other delegates from the crowd (who did not have the rights to be calling another delegate recognized by the Chairman Tucker to be able to speak to the point again a chorus of shouting “out of order” that drowned her out in her attempt to provide written testimony from the previously two (2) elected delegates present being harassed and threatened if they were to attempt to vote.

Josiah Jaster first in a loud voice and then repeatedly louder and loud repetitively yelling “point of order, point of order” 20 or more times even though being called repetitively by the chairman Curt Tucker that he was “out of order and to sit down” to the point no one else

could speak.

There being actual state of lunacy that breached what Roberts Rules of Order is constructed to provide, that of an orderly procedure to a meeting not being present along with all the unacceptable and unruly behavior led to Chairman Tucker having to call a recess.

Chairman Tucker was never able to appoint his Parliamentarian or Sargent of Arms as the shouting and defiance from Josiah Jaster started prematurely and purposely to derail the agenda and stop any further attempt at civility and order.

Chairman Tucker called for a recess at 7:29 p.m. after much contentious discussions and unruly ruckus. The law enforcement was contacted at this time.

At 7:49 p.m. Chairman Tucker reconvened the meeting.

Chairman Tucker stated that during the time of recess, a discussion with Josiah Jaster was determined that the three delegates in question (two being present) will be given their credentials and allowed to vote. Josiah Jaster clarified that due to legal discrepancy, he will allow the three delegates to remain (two being present) as per State guidance. Also, an agreement that Josiah Jaster made was to have Chairman Tucker allow the Washington Post the access to re-enter the building.

Point of Interest – Pam Stewart

1. Stated that there is confusion on how to become a delegate.
 - a. Mike Curtiss stated we have contention whether delegates in the past had proper paperwork and were elevated without being present.
 - b. Some believe they must be present at the meeting.
 - c. One group checked with the State and were told they were delegates and did not have to be at the meeting.
 - d. At last convention, numbers read in video, Josiah Jaster stated we are elevating 27.
 - e. Three were added by someone else and three were absent.
 - f. Mike Curtiss stated he was not certain but was told there is 30 being elevated.
 - g. The contention is that was 33 or 30 stated.
 - h. We allowed the three in and the total should be 33.
 - i. Others stated the three was not voted in at a total of 30.

Point of Information – Jacqueline Hayes

1. Asked if the video had been running during recess.
 - a. Chairman Tucker stated the video recorders had been running solid.

Chairman Tucker stated that we take one more comment.

Mays called chairman Tucker to have orders of the day.

Chairman Tucker stated that Washington Post was waiting to enter to observe and report on the convention and would like to vote on whether to allow them to enter.

Motion to allow Washington Post to enter. Motion carried.

Motion made by Teresa DeBeau to remove chairman Tucker from chair of the meeting and appoint a new chair.

Motion was seconded. Division. Standing vote.

Motion carried.

Motion made to appoint Josiah Jaster to become permanent chair of convention.

Motion Carried.

Call to Order

1. Chair Josiah Jaster called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.
2. Chairman Josiah appoints George Paschall as Parliamentary.
3. Chairman Josiah appoints Jason Wise and Andrea Paschall as Sargent of Arms.
4. Chairman Josiah appoints the following members as tellers; Tyler Watt, Syndie Michael, Cole Starke, Geno Phillips, Taylor Phillips, Jane Collins, Ann Flattery, Carol Ewing, Anthony Krolik, Charlene Coleman, Karen Antal, Scott Berg.

The Chair Josiah asks for nominations for permanent secretary.

Nomination made for Mike Goschka as secretary of convention.

Motion was seconded.

Motion Carried.

The Chair Josiah asked Judge Bill Crane to come forward and administrate the oath to chair officers. Chair officers were sworn in.

The Chair Josiah asked to appoint committee of credentials.

1. The Chair appoints Suzanne Hall as committee of credentials.
2. Suzanne Hall reported the number of present delegates in attendance is 126.

Jason asked to not approach delegates, call by name, and not get in people's faces.

Chairman Tucker stated that the reason for stating your name is for secretary purpose of minutes.

Josiah stated that the point was taken and clarified that while a person has the floor to not call out individuals.

Chair stated next item up is to elect delegates to go to State Convention.

Point of Order – David May

1. Appointed officers were appointed as temporary positions and need to be

appointed as permanent convention positions.

2. The Chair Josiah appointed the following as permanent convention officers:
 - a. George Paschall as Parliamentary.
 - b. Jason Wise, Andrea Paschall as Sargent of Arms.
 - c. Tellers; Tyler Watt, Syndie Michael, Cole Starke, Geno Phillips, Taylor Phillips, Jane Collins, Ann Flattery, Carol Ewing, Anthony Krolik, Charlene Coleman, Karen Antal and Scott Berg.
 - d. Secretary is Mike Goschka.

The chair Josiah moved to present delegates with the ballots. The names on the ballot were stated before ballots were handed out to add any write-ins.

A delegate pointed out that Ramon Avina was in duplicate on the ballot, and it was stated to make sure to only vote for him once.

The MIGOP State Convention information and fees.

- This year is the first time in history that the MIGOP State Convention is charging \$50.00 to enter convention.
- A link will be sent out from MIGOP for payment or the option to pay tonight and have the checks forwarded for payment.
- After Monday, January 30th the fee raises to \$75.00.
- Checks need to be made out to MIGOP.
- Book hotel rooms right away.

Chair Josiah opened the floor for write-ins. The tellers distributed the ballots.

1. Mike Curtiss mentioned to make sure that the number of ballots handed out match the number of delegates present.
2. Tellers make sure they hand ballots out only to voting delegates only as marked on credentials.
3. Eric Gladwish stated the ballots are numbered and the number of ballots should match the number of delegates present.
4. Mike Curtiss asked the number of delegates to vote for on the ballot.
5. Chair Josiah stated the delegates are to vote for only 37 delegates on the ballot.
6. Mike Curtiss stated if you vote for more than 37 delegates, your ballot will be spoiled.
7. Mike Goschka stated that the number of delegates present at 126.
8. Martha Avina stated she would like one of the duplicate names for Ramon be crossed off.
9. It was stated that the name should not be crossed off but highlighted.
10. The Chair Josiah requests that number 28 on the ballot be crossed off.
11. Mike Curtiss asked what is acceptable for marking on the ballot.
12. Chair Josiah stated any mark within the box is counted.

13. Chair Josiah stated that the number of ballots exceeded the number of delegates in attendance.
14. Roll call was administered.
15. The updated number of delegates presented for voting was 133.
16. It is noted that there were eight ballots spoiled and delegates were given replacement ballots.
17. Tallying of the votes were administered.
18. Eric Gladwish stated that according to bylaws from the State a motion cannot be made until vote tallying is finished.
19. Steve Gerhardt stated that he suggests that we do not set precedent by elevating delegates before vote tallying is complete.
20. David May stated that vote tallying needs to be finished in the case of tie breaking. He wanted to keep from confusion with the new delegates potentially voting on the state convention vote.

A delegate made a statement on the Chair being dully elected of convention.

David May nominated Josiah Jaster as permanent chair of convention.

Curt Tucker was nominated as convention chair.

Jim Conger was nominated for convention chair. Jim Conger stated that he is withdrawing from nomination.

A standing vote was administered. Josiah Jaster won the standing vote.

A motion was made to have Austin Smith as secretary for the remainder of the convention as Mike Goschka had to leave. Motion was seconded.
Motion carried.

Jim Conger made a motion to elevate 4 members as delegates.

Josiah corrected the motion removing the limitation of 4 vacancies.

Eric Gladwish stated that according to bylaws from the state a motion cannot be made until vote tallying is finished.

Jim Conger **rescinded his motion.**

Gary Ell stated that many people left so majority for elevation are the people that remain at convention.

Meeting was called back to order at 11:40 p.m. as tallying had been complete.

Josiah stated that there was a tie, and a vote needs to be taken to break ties. He stated that

he called the MIGOP hotline to identify ways to break a tie. He suggested pulling names out of a hat or voting on every tie to create a rank. Ultimately, the tie breaking means must be voted on.

A motion was made to have a standing vote to break any ties. Motion was seconded. Motion was passed.

There was a 5-way tie for 34th place that needed to be ordered to make one person an alternative. Voting took place to break this tie and to break any tie in the alternative delegates so that there is a ranked order.

The official results list is as follows:

		Name	# of Votes
1	1	Geno Phillips	108
2	2	Tyler Robert Watt	106
3	3	Taylor Phillips	106
4	4	Heidi Carnahan	103
5	5	Dane Couture	103
6	6	Josiah Jaster	83
7	7	Mike Goschka	81
8	8	David May	79
9	9	Andrea Paschall	77
10	10	George Paschall	76
11	11	Carol Ewing	76
12	12	Cole Starke	75
13	13	Jason Wise	74
14	14	Teresa DeBeau	73
15	15	Michele Hill	73
16	16	Michele Deshone	73
17	17	Jim Flint	73
18	18	Roselyn Argyle	71

19	19	Terie Elbers	71
20	20	Amy Carl	71
21	21	Karen Antal	70
22	22	Bruce Hill	70
23	23	Thomas Roy	69
24	24	Joe Hess	69
25	25	Jane Collins	69
26	26	Scott Berg	67
27	27	Felicia Horton	67
28	28	Nicole Lee	66
29	29	Ann M. Flattery	66
30	30	Robert Liebrecht	65
31	31	Tricia Michael	64
32	32	Sydney Michael	64
33	33	Imelda Flint	64
34	34	Jim Conger	63
35	35	Charles Wood	63
36	36	Charlene Coleman	63
37	37	Bonnie Murin	63
Alt. 1	38	Ronald Pool	63
Alt. 2	39	Curt Tucker	61
Alt. 3	40	Warren Vasold	59
Alt. 4	41	Eric Kowalewski	58
Alt. 5	42	Connie Weil	58
Alt. 6	46	Brian Forbes	57
Alt. 7	44	Duane Riha	57
Alt. 8	43	Mike Curtiss	57

Alt. 9	45	Colleen Ribble	57
Alt. 10	49	Kathleen Vasold	56
Alt. 11	50	Debra Ell	56
Alt. 12	48	Kathy Riha	56
Alt. 13	47	Suzanne Hall	56
Alt. 14	51	Vicki Kowalewski	55
Alt. 15	53	Martha Avina	54
Alt. 16	55	Korina Tucker	54
Alt. 17	54	Kerry King	54
Alt. 18	52	Wally Ribble	54
Alt. 19	57	Bing Yang	53
Alt. 20	56	Karen Potter	53
Alt. 21	59	Austin Smith	52
Alt. 22	58	Carol Storch	52
Alt. 23	60	Ron Rappley	51
Alt. 24	61	Lisa Heinz	51
Alt. 25	62	Carl Hubinger	51
Alt. 26	65	Geoff Weil	50
Alt. 27	63	Rick Riebschleger	50
Alt. 28	64	Richard Smith	50
Alt. 29	66	Ramon Avina	49
Alt. 30	67	Pam Nadzan	47
Alt. 31	68	Ryan McReynolds	46
Alt. 32	69	Patrick Winter	45
Alt. 33	70	Steve Gerhardt	20
Alt. 34	71	Karen Gerhardt	14
Alt. 35	72	William Wilkey	7

Alt. 36	73	Scott Gilmore	6
Alt. 37	74	Robert Zelle	5
	75	Pam Stewart	4
	76	Kurt Demming*	1

A motion was made to fill vacancies of precinct delegates. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Nomination is now open.

David May stated that it must be voted on to fill vacancies.

Martha Avina spoke in regards of Patricia, one of the delegates Josiah stated was an illegal delegate. She was told she would be elevated tonight.

David May nominated **Jessica Burton** of Carrolton Twp, precinct 2 and **Melissa Blata** of City of Saginaw, precinct 9.

CORRECTION to minutes from the video:

Jessica Burton and Melissa Blata will not be elevated at the Saginaw County Convention on, Thursday, January 26, 2023, as the required identity documents were not completed and submitted before convention. A signed and notarized affidavit was required. A driver's license is not sufficient to provide the necessary identity to complete the process of elevation as per a resolution signed on 1-23-2023 by executive committee members and officers of the SCR.P.

Point of Inquiry – a delegate

A delegate raised a point of inquiry asking why some people are being elevated without affidavits and are allowed to just show their driver's license.

Josiah Jaster stated that you do not have to have an affidavit to be a precinct delegate.

Jim Conger made a motion to have the 4 following delegates elevated: JoAnne English, Diane Mitchell, Gaylord Mitchell and Anthony deBari.

Josiah stated the following nominations **Patricia Coven, Birt McKendree and Cindy Ankoviak.** Nominations were seconded by David May.

CORRECTION to minutes from the video:

Patricia Coven, Birt McKendree and Cindy Ankoviak were not required to be elevated as they were already delegates listed on the Official Republican Delegate Roster with the Saginaw County Clerk according to our official approved County Convention minutes of 11-26-2022.

A point of information was asked if delegates are elevated at convention or at monthly meetings.

Josiah stated that there are two ways to become a delegate. One to run for election in the primary by filling out an affidavit and the other is to be elevated during convention by majority vote. Vacancies must be verified before filling positions. Josiah stated that he had a conversation with Stu Foster and he never affirmed that those three delegates were elected properly. He stated that he will send out a written statement tomorrow.

Note from Stu Foster stated in the note to Josiah that a person does not need to be present to be elected to fill a vacancy on a permanent basis.

David May made a motion to end nominations for vacancies.

It was stated that alternatives are to pay to enter state convention.
David May stated that you can pay \$75 at convention or pay \$50 before convention.

Josiah stated that **Birt McKendree** is not present but has submitted his information.

A vote was taken to elevate 9 guests to become delegates.

Pam Stewart asked to know if she will be given a guest pass. She shared that in the past she was turned away.

Gary asked when the statement will be made from Stu Foster on the delegates to be sent?

Jim Conger stated that Stu Foster or Blake Edmonds can be contacted for questions on stated convention also, regarding a guest pass.

David May made a motion to Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.