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NEWS RELEASE – “Openly Sane” GOP US Senate candidate files for MN GOP primary; will participate as Delegate to 5/30 GOP on-line State Convention; offers to meet with media to allow them to observe on- line Convention and see Convention

documents

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Minneapolis, May 29, 2020 – “Openly Sane” GOP US Senate candidate Bob “Again” Carney Jr. filed an Affidavit of Candidacy for the Minnesota Republican US Senate primary electronically today. The Saint Paul State Office Building Secretary of State office was closed due to civil unrest. Bobagain has suspended his campaign and continues to recruit someone else to challenge the Trump takeover of the Minnesota GOP – which he believes has transformed the “party of ideas” into a vacuous personality cult. Candidates who file have until Thursday, June 4th – two days after filing closes -- to file an Affidavit of Withdrawal; otherwise they will be on the August 11th ballot. “I will announce June 4th whether another satisfactory candidate has filed -- otherwise I will not withdraw and will reactivate my campaign,” bobagain said, and added: “Minnesota’s legacy of divided government – 28 out of the last 30 years – is endangered by the Trump disaster. Politically evicted but openly sane Republicans need to stand up and meet this challenge.”

As an elected Delegate to the GOP State Convention, now rescheduled for May 30th, bobagain will advocate for no endorsement by the Convention. “This will be the GOP’s final opportunity before the close of filing to turn away from both President Trump’s disastrous approach to politics and governing, and from candidate Jason Lewis’s self-appointed role as “party bouncer,” bobagain said.

Minnesota's media is busy reporting the unfolding disaster following the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, who was fired and has been taken into custody. However, the state GOP Convention must still be seen as a significant political event, and worthy of news coverage. The Convention's proposed rules indicate credentialed media may log in to the Zoom meeting; please contact the State Party at 651-222-0022 for more information. The proposed rules prohibit Delegates from recording or streaming the proceedings (see last paragraph). "However, those rules said nothing about who can be in the room with a Delegate who is participating. So I'm offering the media this opportunity: if, for whatever reason, you want to observe the Convention sitting near or standing behind a participating Delegate, just call or e-mail and I'll arrange to bring my laptop to a location you designate, as long as wi-fi is available. I'll also make the Convention documents available to you. The choice of location is on a first-come-first-served basis. If I'm informed by Convention officials that you are also not permitted to record, I'll tell you, but I can't see that taking still photos and notes is prohibited," bobagain said.

The Minnesota Republican Party is not a government entity and has wide discretion in establishing and enforcing its own rules. Delegates are not agents of the party.

Proposed Rule 6 for the postponed Convention is as follows: "Recording, broadcasting, or live streaming the Convention is prohibited without the written permission of the Republican Party of Minnesota. Anyone discovered to be recording, broadcasting, or streaming the Zoom Meeting or the Voter Portal may be removed from the Convention at the discretion of the Convention Chair."

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