

Washington County Democratic Central Committee

Minutes of the October 24, 2018 Regular Meeting

Held at PCC Willow Creek – 241 SW Edgeway Dr.; Hillsboro, Oregon 97006

7:00 PM – Meeting Opening:

- **Call to Order** – Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Patrick Maguire recorded the minutes. Central Committee members were present as indicated in the attendance log, and a quorum was found to be present.
- **Agenda** – The prepared agenda was approved as proposed.
- **Minutes** – Minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting of the Central Committee were approved as presented.
- **Introductions** – New members and guests were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Wendy Kroger, Chuck Riley, Susan McLain, Janeen Sollman, and Felicita Montebianco. Candidates for elected office present was Bridget Brooks.

7:05 PM – Officer, Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Updates:

- **Treasurer** – Veronica Williams presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$7,818.61; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$299.08; and *Business Checking* \$70,730.71; for a *Total* of \$78,848.40. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$1,413.00. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$14,163.69. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$0,000.00. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$0,000.00.
- **Credentials Committee** – Chrissy Erguiza reported on the large number of precinct committee persons currently on the rolls.
- **Volunteers of the Month** – Hillary Uhlig and Debby Garman were recognized as volunteers for their voter registration efforts, and Victoria Long and Karen Packer were recognized for their planning of the Neuberger fundraising event.
- **Endorsements Committee** – Kimberley Culbertson recommended and moved the contribution of funds to local candidates Devon Downeysmith (\$450.00) and Beach Pace (\$350.00). The motion passed.
- **Nominating Committee** – Susan Bender Phelps reported on the upcoming internal party elections and encouraged members to consider running for a party office. A forum will be held on November 10, 2018 and the organization meeting will be held on November 17, 2018.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Carol Greenough reported on the activity of the East Washington County Democrats group that meets monthly and the opportunity to attend the Washington County Public Affairs Forum on Mondays at lunchtime since the party is now an organizational member.
- **Communications Committee** – Martita Meier reported on the campaign materials on the party website available to interested people to read. Other opportunities on the website include letters to the editor, social media links, and interviews with candidates.
- **Finance Committee** – Linda Erickson recognized Eric Squires and Will Hobbs for their help with sound equipment at fundraising events. Linda then recognized Carl Fisher, Paul Erickson, and Veronica Williams with star awards for helping plan strategies for the event. Many other volunteers and donors were also recognized. The members then heard an update on the importance of the Blue Horizon fund.
- **Resolutions and Platform Committee** – Jeremy Likens updated members on the work of this committee, including the addition of vice chairs for this committee. A consent calendar was announced. Three resolutions were passed by unanimous consent: “*A Revision of the Resolution Supporting Health Care for All Oregonians (HCAO)*” – 2018-018, “*A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee in support of HR 6097 and companion legislation in the Senate*” – 2018-020, and “*Expansion of the Metro Council*” – 2018-004. The text of these resolutions as adopted is appended to these minutes
 - **Resolution titled “Regarding Washington County Sheriffs’ use of Amazon.com’s ‘Rekognition’ Facial Recognition Program”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-014. Janeen Sollman moved to refer this matter back to committee and return it to the Central Committee in

January. A counted vote was ordered, and the motion to refer to committee passed with 55 YES and 47 NO votes.

- **Resolution titled “A Resolution Supporting the Accountable Capitalism Act (Particularly the Codetermination Model)”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-017. The resolution passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Resolution titled “Regarding Leadership and Ineffective Handling of Sexual Harassment Complaints in the Oregon Legislature”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-021. After discussion, the resolution passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes. Carol Greenough moved “to send Resolution 2018-031 back to the Platform and Resolutions Committee to allow it to be considered by the Committee after the investigations of sexual harassment at the Legislature are concluded.” After a successful motion to end debate, the motion to refer to committee passed.
- **Resolution titled “Resolution Declaring Voter Driven Initiatives, Referendums, and Referrals Inviolable”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-016. After discussion, the resolution failed.
- **Rules Committee** – Dan Jensen updated members on the activity of this committee.
 - **Bylaw Change titled “Gender Distribution for Chair and Vice-Chairs”** – On behalf of this committee, Dan Jensen moved adoption of BL 2018-045. Alex Clemens raised a grammatical issue, and it was accepted, then the bylaw change passed.
 - **Bylaw Change titled “Treasurer/Audit & Budget Committees”** – On behalf of this committee, Dan Jensen moved adoption of BL/SR 2018-040. After a successful motion to end debate, the bylaw change passed, and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes. Gerritt Rosenthal moved an amendment to the end of Section 7 c. to add “and shall report their findings to the executive board.” The bylaw and standing rule changes then passed.
- **Campaign Committee** – Adam Gretzinger reported that people are getting activated and excited for the upcoming election.
- **Young Democrats Committee** – Gabe Mendez reported on the activity of the Young Democrats committee and the endorsements they recently made for party internal elections.
- **Office Committee** – Amelia Manlove reported that the office committee has been active in assisting candidates to run successful campaigns.
- **Credentials Committee** – Chrissy Erguiza reported that 104 members signed in today.
- **First Congressional District Committee Delegation** – Farrah Chaichi reported that this committee hand-delivered a letter to U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici regarding concerns over the need for more initiative and action on universal healthcare and single-payer. Farrah also reported that Secretary of State Dennis Richardson is proposing troubling changes related to PCP elections.
- **Progressive Caucus** – Keith Haxton reported that the Progressive Caucus endorsed various candidates for internal party elections
- **Report on Election Integrity** – Bill Gallup reported on behalf of the field director on the need for election integrity observation volunteers.

8:49 PM – New Business:

- **Precinct Committeeperson Selection** – Patrick Maguire moved the Committee select Patrick Maguire, Patrick Konsor, Shaun Savage, Alexander Diaz Rios, Raymond Charles Hurley, Kelly Rae Taylor Smith, Lee Coleman, and Sara Bourne to fill vacancies in the office of precinct committeeperson. The motion passed.
- **Announcements** – Members presented announcements on various subjects.
- **Adjournment** – The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Patrick Maguire, Secretary

Date Approved

Please contact secretary@washcodems.org with any questions about these minutes.

Appendix 1: Approved Resolutions

A Resolution Supporting the Accountable Capitalism Act (Particularly the Codetermination Model) RPC 2018-017

(A) WHEREAS, for several decades in Germany, under a model known as codetermination, large companies have been required by law to allow workers to elect between one-third and one-half of the members of their supervisory board of directors;

(B) WHEREAS, this codetermination model provides a voice for workers, reduces short-term executive thinking, and discourages the enrichment of wealthy shareholders without due consideration for working people;

(C) WHEREAS, in America, while corporate profits and company productivity have dramatically increased in recent decades, wages earned by workers have not meaningfully increased;

(D) WHEREAS, in response to these concerns Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts introduced the Accountable Capitalism Act into the United States Senate on August 15, 2018;

(E) WHEREAS, this Act would implement codetermination for large American corporations, whereby at least 40% of the governing boards of these large corporations would be composed of workerelected members;

(F) WHEREAS, this Act would require the largest companies to receive corporate charters obliging them to consider the interests of workers and citizens in addition to shareholders;

(G) WHEREAS, this Act would require chief executives to wait five years after being awarded shares before selling them, thereby providing incentives for long-term sustainable business practices;

(H) WHEREAS, this Act would prevent company executives from spending corporate money on political contributions except with the approval of 75% of directors and shareholders; and

(I) WHEREAS, the author of this Act asserts that it would have the effect of reducing corporate abuses and limiting the redistribution of wealth from American workers to affluent shareholders, and would accomplish these aims with no government expenditures;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon, Resolve as follows:

1. We support passage of the Accountable Capitalism Act.
2. In particular, we urge implementation of the codetermination model of corporate governance in the United States.
3. We call upon Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Representative Suzanne Bonamici to immediately sign on as cosponsors of the Accountable Capitalism Act.
4. In the event that the current Republican-controlled government refuses to pass this proposal as a federal law, we call upon our state representatives and state senators to urgently study the ways to implement its provisions into Oregon's state corporation law.

Resolution submitted by Patrick Maguire, R&PC Member – August 17, 2018

Approved by R&PC – September 4, 2018

Appendix 2: Approved Bylaw and Rule Amendments

BL 2018-045 Gender Distribution for Chair and Vice-Chairs

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 7: Duties

1. The First Vice-Chair shall perform all of the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair; may coordinate the work of standing committees, as assigned by the Chair; and be an alternate signer of checks with the Treasurer. The First Vice-Chair shall be ~~the opposite~~ **a different** gender of ~~than~~ the Chair.
2. The Second Vice-Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair and First Vice-Chair; Chair the Credentials Committee; and may coordinate the work of standing committees, as assigned by the Chair. ~~The Second Vice-Chair shall be the opposite gender of the First Vice-Chair.~~

BL 2018-040 Treasurer / Audit / Budget

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 7: Duties

- a. The Chair shall have the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Central Committee and Executive Board; supervise paid staff; appoint a Parliamentarian and all Committee Chairs except the ~~Budget and~~ Credentials Committee Chairs, with the approval of a majority of the elected officers; be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee; and execute, with the Secretary, all contracts on behalf of the Central Committee; and be an alternate signer of checks with the Treasurer. The Chair shall ensure that notice of all regular and special meetings is sent to all members of the Central Committee not later than the sixth day before each meeting (ORS 248.012)

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES & CAUCUSES

Section 1: The Executive Board:

Shall consist of the current elected officers, the Chair of the State Democratic Central Committee delegates, the Chair of the First Congressional District delegates and the chairs of all standing committees; hold monthly meetings and special meetings as needed; have a quorum when a majority of its members are present; review and make recommendations on all Central Committee officer recall petitions prior to action by the Central Committee; hire paid staff; and conduct all necessary business required between regular meetings of the Central Committee. No officer may be chair of a standing committee. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one officer position, nor chair more than one standing committee, with the exception of ~~the Treasurer who is chair of the Budget Committee and~~ the Second Vice-Chair who is chair of the Credentials Committee. No one person shall be entitled to more than one vote in Executive Board meetings. Where a committee is represented by co-chairs, only one vote may be cast.

Section 2: Financial Accountability

No single member or group of members can expend, or make any promises or commitments regarding a future expenditure of, Central Committee funds without a vote of the Executive Board, subject to the following exceptions:

1. Expenditures approved by the Central Committee in the annual budget process.
2. An expenditure, outside of the approved budget, of less than \$100 with approval of two executive officers.

Section 7 c. Budget Committee

Section 7: Standing Committees' Duties

c. The Budget Committee: Shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by the Central Committee ~~and conduct an annual review of all Central Committee financial records.~~ The Budget Committee Chair shall review any expenditure not contained in the adopted budget.

Add New: Section 8: Ad-hoc Committee Duties

c. The Audit Ad-Hoc Committee:

i. The Treasurer will be a non-voting ex-officio member of this committee to assist this committee with all documents and questions that may arise.

- ii. This committee will consist of the current Treasurer and four additional members including at least one past treasurer as possible and elect their own chair.**
- iii. Shall conduct an annual review of all Central Committee financial records and file a written report with the Executive Board.**
- iv. Audit Committee members will be nominated by the Central Committee Chair and approved by the Executive Board.**

SR 2018-040 Treasurer / Audit & Budget Committees

STANDING RULE #2:

FINANCE

a. BUDGET:

Adopted 10/25/2006, Amended 1/22/2014

1. The fiscal year shall be January 1 – December 31.
2. An annual budget shall be compiled by the **Budget Committee** Treasurer from standing committee budgets and from estimates of ongoing Central Committee activities. ~~The draft budget will be reviewed by the Budget Committee prior to presentation to the Executive Board.~~ The Executive Board may review and make recommendations on each proposed annual budget prior to its adoption. Online copies of the proposed budget shall be made available to all PCPs at least 7 days prior to the proposed date of adoption, in the PCP section of the website.

Remove Section 3 and add new Section b below:

b. Audit

1. An annual financial review of the accounts shall be conducted by at least ~~2~~ **3** members of the ~~Budget~~ **Audit Ad-Hoc** Committee each January (unless Section c below applies); the results of that review shall be reported to the Executive Board at its February meeting. The Central Committee Chair shall announce the review results to the Central Committee at its February meeting.

c. TURNOVER OF TREASURER AND/OR OTHER DIRECTOR POSITIONS:

Adopted 10/25/2006, Amended 11/20/2013

1. The Chair will convene a meeting of the ~~Budget~~ **Audit Ad-Hoc** Committee, the outgoing Treasurer and the in-coming Treasurer to perform a review of the accounts whenever a Treasurer leaves the position.
2. Oregon laws and administrative rules must be followed regarding the reporting of the name, personal contact, and occupational information of the incoming Treasurer and the Chair in a timely manner. [Currently, form SEL 221 must be filed within 10 days of any change in the information on file with the Secretary of State Elections Division.