

1 BYLAWS OF THE
2 WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
3 CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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5 ARTICLE I NAME

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7 The name of this organization shall be the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (Central
8 Committee).

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10 ARTICLE II PURPOSE

11 The purposes of the Central Committee shall be to:

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13 A. Elect Democratic candidates;
14 B. Adopt a platform and work to ensure that it is carried into law;
15 C. Provide a link between Washington County Democrats and the First Congressional District
16 Central Committee and the State Central Committee;
17 D. Inform voters about Democratic Party principles; and
18 E. Maximize the membership of the Central Committee and the Democratic Party.

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20 ARTICLE III AUTHORITY

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22 The Central Committee shall have all powers to manage its affairs and transact its business that are
23 consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of Oregon, the
24 National Charter of the Democratic Party, the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Oregon and these
25 Bylaws.

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27 ARTICLE IV AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

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29 The Central Committee shall ensure the widest and fairest representation of its members in its
30 organization and activities. All rules shall be adopted by procedures that assure the fair and open
31 participation of all interested Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs). Discrimination in the conduct of
32 Central Committee affairs on the basis of sex, race, age, religion, economic status, disability, ethnic
33 origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, creed, parenthood or marital status is prohibited.

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35 ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

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37 Section 1: Members

38 Members of the Central Committee shall consist of all Democratic PCPs elected and certified in
39 Washington County (ORS 248.015, 248.031, and 248.045(2) and (3)), appointed to fill a vacancy (ORS
40 248.043), or elected to fill a vacancy (ORS 248.026). A PCP is a representative of the party in the
41 precinct and a voting member of the Central Committee. Registered Democrats who hold elective public
42 office (partisan and nonpartisan) and represent a jurisdiction in Washington County must be explicitly

43 elected or appointed as PCPs in order to be voting members. Except for PCPs, non-voting members of the
44 Central Committee shall include the Executive Board of the Central Committee; registered Democrats
45 who hold elective public office (partisan and nonpartisan) and represent a jurisdiction in Washington
46 County; and youth voted to be honorary members. Non-PCP members will be encouraged to become
47 PCPs.

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49 Section 2: Resignation of Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs)

50 A Precinct committeeperson may resign by written notice to the County Clerk and such resignations shall
51 be effective when the County Clerk declares the office vacant with a notice to the Central Committee.

52 Then the Secretary shall immediately notify the Central Committee Chair, and the State and First District
53 Chairs of the resignation. (ORS 248.024)

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55 Section 3: Removal

56 A. A precinct committeeperson elected in a Primary Election may be recalled only by the 10 voters
57 in that precinct, and in accordance with ORS 248.029(2). Said election shall be paid for by the
58 Central Committee (ORS 248.029(3)).

59 B. An appointed precinct committeeperson is subject to the rules for recall specified for Officers and
60 Elected Officials of this Central Committee. (ORS 248.026 (3) and Article VI, Section 5 of these
61 bylaws).

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63 Section 4: Vacancies

64 A. The Central Committee may elect any person registered as a Democrat for at least 180 days and
65 currently registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists, or in a precinct which has a
66 common boundary with the precinct in which the vacancy exists, to fill a vacancy in the office of
67 precinct committeeperson (ORS 248.026 (1) and (2)). A person who has turned 18 within the last
68 six months may be elected, so long as that person is a registered Democrat and currently
69 registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists.

70 B. Said election to fill vacancies shall be the last order of business at a Central Committee meeting.

71 C. The newly elected committeepersons' tenure, with the ability to vote in regard to Central
72 Committee matters, shall begin as soon as the County Clerk enters the appointment on the county
73 election records pursuant to ORS 248.026(2)and(3). The term of such committeeperson shall
74 terminate at the same time as those elected in a primary election; that is, 24 days after the next
75 succeeding primary election. (ORS 248.015 (6))

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77 Section 5: House District Leaders

78 Up to four (4) leaders for each House District shall be appointed by the Chair for each Oregon House of
79 Representatives District, or portion thereof, in Washington County. House District leaders' appointments
80 may be rescinded by written, or e-mail, notice from the Chair. House District leaders shall: provide
81 leadership and encouragement to the precinct committeepersons of their district; recruit and offer in
82 nomination persons willing to serve as precinct committeepersons; coordinate, within their districts, voter
83 registration drives, "get out the vote" efforts, and distribution of sample ballots and candidates literature;
84 and be members of the Campaign Committee.

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86 ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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88 Section 1: Officers

89 Officers of the Central Committee shall be a Chair, a First Vice-Chair, a Second Vice-Chair, a Secretary
90 and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, the Central
91 Committee’s Standing Rules and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Central Committee.

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93 Section 2: Eligibility

94 Any person legally registered as a Democrat in Washington County shall be eligible to hold any office in
95 this Committee.

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97 Section 3: Nomination and Election

98 Candidates for office of the Central Committee shall be selected by a Nominating Committee. The
99 Nominating Committee shall be formed at the regular business meeting two months prior to the
100 Organizational meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of:

- 101 A. A past Central Committee Chair appointed by the current Chair;
- 102 B. Chair of the Rules Committee or his or her designee; and
- 103 C. Two persons elected by the Central Committee, except that no current officer of the Central
104 Committee shall be elected to the Nominating Committee.

105 The Nominating Committee shall announce a slate list of candidates for officers and delegates no later
106 than the Monday following the general election, and shall present the list of candidates at the
107 organizational meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be taken. Only elected PCPs who
108 were elected during the most recent Primary Election may vote on the election of Central Committee
109 officers.(ORS 248.035(1)(B).

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111 Section 4: Term of Office

- 112 A. Central Committee officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term shall begin at
113 the close of the organizational meeting at which they are elected and end at the close of the next
114 succeeding organizational meeting.

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116 Section 5: Recall

117 Officers may be recalled for cause by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Central Committee
118 provided that the recall request and Executive Board’s recommendation have been provided to all PCPs at
119 least fourteen days prior to such action.

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121 Section 6: Vacancies

- 122 A. If the office of Chair should become vacant, the First Vice-Chair shall become Chair for the
123 unexpired portion of the term.
- 124 B. When vacancies occur in the other offices, positions shall be filled by majority vote at the first
125 possible regular meeting of the Central Committee. Persons so elected shall serve the unexpired
126 portion of the term of the vacancy that is being filled.

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128 Section 7: Duties

- 129 A. The Chair shall have the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Central
130 Committee and Executive Board; supervise paid staff; appoint a Parliamentarian and all

- 131 Committee Chairs except the Credentials Committee Chair, with the approval of a majority of the
 132 elected officers; be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, except the Nominating
 133 Committee; and execute, with the Secretary, all contracts on behalf of the Central Committee; and
 134 be an alternate signer of checks with the Treasurer. The Chair shall ensure that notice of all
 135 regular and special meetings is sent to all members of the Central Committee not later than the
 136 sixth day before each meeting (ORS 248.012)
- 137 B. The First Vice-Chair shall perform all of the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the
 138 Chair; may coordinate the work of standing committees, as assigned by the Chair; and be an
 139 alternate signer of checks with the Treasurer. The First Vice-Chair shall be a different gender
 140 from the Chair.
- 141 C. The Second Vice-Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the
 142 Chair and First Vice-Chair; Chair the Credentials Committee; and may coordinate the work of
 143 standing committees, as assigned by the Chair.
- 144 D. The Secretary: Shall keep a book of minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and
 145 Executive Board, showing the time and place of the meeting, the names of those present, and the
 146 proceeding and actions taken. A book of approved Central Committee minutes and a book of
 147 approved Executive Board minutes will be maintained at the WCDCC office. Copies of the
 148 Central Committee minutes will be made available to all Central Committee members by having
 149 copies of the previous unapproved minutes available at the meeting and posting them on the
 150 Central Committee website. The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the Credentials Committee,
 151 maintain accurate and up to date membership records of all PCPs including phone numbers and
 152 email addresses, and carry out Central Committee correspondence and all legal notifications at
 153 the request of the Chair (ORS 12 18 248.012 and 248.043). The Secretary is an ex-officio
 154 member of the Credentials Committee and will have the same Voter File Access as the
 155 Credentials Chair.
- 156 E. The Treasurer shall prepare adequate records and reports on all Central Committee operational
 157 and fundraising financial transactions; meet all campaign finance reporting requirements; provide
 158 for the custody and safekeeping of all Central Committee funds; maintain open financial books
 159 ready for inspection and review at all times; issue checks in accordance with the Central
 160 Committee-approved budget, with the Chair or First Vice-Chair as alternate signer; serve as non-
 161 voting member of the Contributions Recommendation Ad-hoc Committee. (ORS Chapter 260;
 162 OAR 165-012; current Campaign Finance Manual)

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164 **ARTICLE VII** **ELECTED DELEGATE POSITIONS**

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166 **Section 1: Eligibility**

167 Delegates and alternates to the State Democratic Central Committee and to the First Congressional
 168 District Democratic Central Committee shall be Washington County residents and registered as
 169 Democrats for no less than 180 days, except any person whose 18th birthday falls within the period of
 170 180 days.

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172 **Section 2: Responsibilities**

173 Delegates and alternates shall act as liaisons between the Central Committee and the Committees to
174 which they are elected, voting as directed by the Central Committee and reporting on substantive
175 discussions and actions taken by those Committees at the first possible Central Committee meeting.
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177 Section 3: Nominations and Elections

178 All delegates and alternates elected to the State Central Committee (SCC) and/or First Congressional
179 District Democratic Central Committee (CDICC) delegations shall serve according to the bylaws of the
180 respective Committees.
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- 182 A. Delegates and alternates to the SCC and CDICC shall be elected for a term of approximately two
183 (2) years. Their term shall begin on the date they are elected and end at the next Organizational
184 Meeting. Vacancies may be filled at subsequent meetings.
- 185 B. All delegates and alternates to the SCC and CDICC shall be elected by plurality vote at the
186 Organizational Meeting of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee.
- 187 C. DPO Bylaws, Article 7 (Conventions), set the requirements for electing delegates and alternates
188 to the State Democratic Conventions held in each election year.
- 189 D. Article II (National Convention) of the Democratic National Committee Charter, its Call to the
190 Convention, and its Delegate Selection Rules set the basis for the election of delegates to
191 presidential elections year National Conventions.
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193 ARTICLE VIII ADVISORY POSITIONS

- 194 A. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Chair, to ensure that all proceedings of the Central
195 Committee and the Executive Board of the Central Committee are conducted in accordance with
196 the Bylaws, the Standing Rules and Roberts Rules of Order; The Parliamentarian shall be an ex-
197 officio member of the Rules Committee.
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200 ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES & CAUCUSES

201 Section 1: The Executive Board:

202 Shall consist of the current elected officers, the Chair of the State Democratic Central Committee
203 delegates, the Chair of the First Congressional District Central Committee delegates and the chairs of all
204 standing committees; hold monthly meetings and special meetings as needed; have a quorum when a
205 majority of its members are present; review and make recommendations on all Central Committee officer
206 recall petitions prior to action by the Central Committee; hire paid staff; and conduct all necessary
207 business required between regular meetings of the Central Committee. No officer may be chair of a
208 standing committee. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one officer position, nor chair more
209 than one standing committee, with the exception of the Second Vice-Chair who is chair of the Credentials
210 Committee. No one person shall be entitled to more than one vote in Executive Board meetings. Where a
211 committee is represented by co-chairs, only one vote may be cast. Meetings shall be called by the Chair or
212 in their absence or incapacity, by a Vice Chair. Special meetings may be called in the same manner or by
213 five (5) Executive Board Members.
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215 Section 2: Financial Accountability
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217 No single member or group of members can expend, or make any promises or commitments regarding a
218 future expenditure of, Central Committee funds without a vote of the Executive Board, subject to the
219 following exceptions:

- 220 A. Expenditures approved by the Central Committee in the annual budget process.
- 221 B. An expenditure, outside of the approved budget, of less than \$100 with approval of two executive
222 officers.

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224 Section 3: Electronic Meetings

- 225 A. The Executive Board, Standing Committees, and Ad-hoc Committees may conduct electronic
226 teleconference meetings.
- 227 B. Hybrid in-person/teleconference meetings may occur at the discretion of the committee chair,
228 only when the need arises.
- 229 C. Electronic meetings require the same notice as other committee meetings.
- 230 D. Electronic meetings must be run as follows:
 - 231 1. Identities of committee members will be verified after calling in. Verification may be
232 done visually or aurally by the committee chair or another person designated by the
233 committee chair.
 - 234 2. A roll call of the verified committee members will take place before the agenda is
235 adopted.
 - 236 3. The committee chair will explain the teleconference process to all committee members.
 - 237 4. The conference call will allow for bidirectional aural communication while the meeting is
238 in session.
 - 239 5. All committee members must have the ability to unmute themselves at their own
240 discretion. Committee members will self-mute, except when speaking or raising a
241 privileged motion, or raising a point of order.
 - 242 6. Other than privileged motions or incidental motions, the committee chair will recognize,
243 to the best of their ability, committee members by digitally “raised hands” in the order
244 raised, when possible.
 - 245 7. Digitally “raising hands” within the teleconference software shall be used to ascertain
246 vote totals. If this is not possible, roll call votes shall be used instead. A vote by
247 unanimous consent is also acceptable.
 - 248 8. The votes cast by committee members will be recorded in the minutes.
 - 249 9. The language of all motions will be displayed for all committee members who are
250 visually connected.
- 251 E. A committee may approve a vote to be conducted by SurveyMonkey, or a similar service. Such
252 votes will include all committee members, will have a set deadline, and be announced to all
253 committee members via email. No votes shall be conducted by email.

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255 Section 4: Notice of Meetings for Committees

- 256 A. The Executive Board and Standing Committees must provide notice to their committee members
257 of meetings no later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting.
- 258 B. Notice must be sent by email or postal mail.
- 259 C. Notice requires time and location of meeting, agenda, and previous unapproved minutes.

- 260 D. Notice must also include whether the meeting will be conducted electronically, and any
- 261 applicable call-in number or registration link.
- 262 E. All committee meetings must be placed on an electronic calendar accessible from the WashCo
- 263 Dems website and can be seen at least by all PCPs, no later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of
- 264 each meeting. Time and location must be included on the calendar.
- 265 F. All committees should hold a monthly meeting at a recurring time and date, unless there are valid
- 266 reasons for doing otherwise.
- 267 G. All committees may hold additional meetings which must meet the same notice requirements and
- 268 calendar posting as a standard meeting.
- 269 H. Exceptions to rules (A)-(G) may be approved by the Executive Board.
- 270 I. The Executive Board may not use (H) to make an exception for itself.
- 271 J. Rules (A)-(G) do not apply to subcommittees or work groups of a committee.

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274 Section 5: General Procedures for Committees

- 275 A. All standing committee chairs shall familiarize themselves with Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly
- 276 Revised (RONR), regarding the procedure for business in their committee.
- 277 B. New committee chairs must receive introductory training on RONR within 2 months of becoming
- 278 committee chair.
- 279 C. When a standing committee has more than 10 members:
 - 280 1. A motion to call the question shall be in order after four people have spoken in debate on
 - 281 a motion or amendment.
 - 282 2. Quorum is 25% of their members.
 - 283 3. Speeches shall be limited to 2 minutes. This may be changed for the duration of a topic or
 - 284 the meeting by a majority vote of the committee.
 - 285 4. Members may only speak to the same question twice per day.
- 286 D. All committees shall record actions taken at their meetings
 - 287 1. All committee chairs shall report on the committee’s interim activities at each regularly
 - 288 scheduled Executive Board meeting.
 - 289 2. Committee chairs or a designee shall submit a digital report to the Executive Board Chair
 - 290 prior to the meeting.
 - 291 3. Committee chairs or a designee shall post meeting minutes and reports on the WCDCC
 - 292 website.
- 293 E. Exceptions to rules (A)-(D) may be approved by the Executive Board.

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296 Section 6: Standing Committee Members

- 297 A. All precinct committeepersons may be appointed as a member of any standing committee by the
- 298 Chair of the standing committee.
- 299 B. Any member of a standing committee may be removed by written or e-mail notice from the Chair
- 300 of the standing committee.
- 301 C. A committee member’s term shall begin after the organizational meeting and end at the close of
- 302 the next organizational meeting.

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304 Section 7: Standing Committees' Duties

- 305 A. The Community Outreach Committee: Shall develop and strengthen the Central Committee by
306 sponsoring and participating in community events to include Fairs, Parades, Values in Action
307 events and other activities for PCPs and volunteers; reach out and serve as liaison to other
308 organizations with Democratic views in the county.
- 309 B. The Communications Committee: Shall promote the welfare and principles of the Democratic
310 Party and publicize meetings, conventions, fundraising events, and resolutions passed by the
311 Central Committee in local news media; publish all necessary platform convention materials; and
312 coordinate letters to the Editor.
- 313 C. The Budget Committee: Shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by the Central Committee.
314 The Budget Committee Chair shall review any expenditure not contained in the adopted budget
315 and shall report to the Executive Board.
- 316 D. The Finance Committee: Shall have the primary responsibility for planning and executing all
317 fundraising activities to meet Central Committee-approved, budgeted expenses.
- 318 E. The Resolutions and Platform Committee: Shall receive, review and make recommendations on
319 all proposed resolutions; submit proposed platform items, based upon major issues, to the Central
320 Committee for its consideration; send the required number of copies of the County Platform to
321 the Platform Committee of the State Central Committee so that it may be considered for inclusion
322 in the State Democratic Platform.
- 323 F. The Rules Committee: Shall regularly review Central Committee bylaws and Standing Rules at
324 least once every two years, making recommendations for amendments as needed, proposing
325 amendments thereto, as needed, for adoption by the Central Committee; and shall conduct all
326 elections.
- 327 G. Campaign Committee: Shall be composed of the House District Leaders; shall publicize
328 opportunities for elective office; provide assistance to candidates; coordinate the Neighborhood
329 Leader program and related voter registration drives, "get out the vote" efforts, distribution of
330 slate cards and candidate literature; and assist with coordinated campaign activities for all general
331 elections.
- 332 H. The Young Democrats Committee: Shall promote the Democratic Party among county young
333 people and coordinate activities within the county.
- 334 I. Information Technology Committee: Shall develop and maintain the Central Committee website,
335 databases, blogs and software, enforcing all Central Committee standing rules pertaining to
336 access and permitted uses; respond to tech-support, user access, and rule violation issues within
337 24 hours; provide online research as requested by the Executive Board or the Central Committee;
338 advise the Central Committee on matters related to information technology.
- 339 J. The Office Committee: Shall be responsible for overseeing the regular operation of the office,
340 including staffing.
- 341 K. The Training and Education Committee: Shall have oversight of all training and shall coordinate
342 all training presented on behalf of the Central Committee. The committee shall train House
343 District Leaders and Precinct Committee Persons as to their duties and responsibilities in regard
344 to the Central Committee. The committee shall also educate and train volunteers as to their
345 opportunities to assist the Central Committee.
- 346 L. The Latinx Outreach Committee: Shall focus on the Latinx community by registering voters and
347 engaging all Latinx voters in the Democratic political process.

348 M. The Credentials Committee: Shall be chaired by the 2nd Vice Chair. The committee shall
349 determine the eligibility of every Central Committee member attending and certify their
350 eligibility to vote at that meeting. The Credentials Committee Chair shall have Voter File
351 administrator access to assist the Secretary in maintaining accurate and up to date membership
352 records of all Precinct Committeepersons including phone numbers and email addresses. The
353 Credentials Committee shall provide other credentialing services as approved by the Executive
354 Board.

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356 Section 8: Ad-hoc Committee Duties

357 A. Contributions Recommendation and Endorsement Committee: Shall make recommendations as to
358 which legislative candidate campaigns shall receive contributions from the Central Committee
359 and as to which candidates for nonpartisan office shall receive the endorsement of the Central
360 Committee.

361 B. Nominating Committee: See Article VI, Section 3.

362 C. The Audit Ad-Hoc Committee:

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

365 2. This committee will consist of the current Treasurer and four additional members
366 including at least one past treasurer as possible and elect their own chair.

367 3. Shall conduct an annual review of all Central Committee financial records and file a
368 written report with the Executive Board.

369 4. Audit Committee members will be nominated by the Central Committee Chair and
370 approved by the Executive Board.

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372 Section 9: Caucuses

373 A. The Washington County Central Committee may grant official recognition to a caucus of the
374 Washington County Democrats who share demographic or other similar identity. Such caucuses
375 are meant to encourage people of similar interests to be active in supporting the Washington
376 County Democratic Party. The purpose of granting official recognition is to enable the caucus to
377 participate in the policy decisions and the outreach programs of the Washington County Central
378 Committee.

379 B. To achieve official recognition, the Caucus must be approved by the Washington County Central
380 Committee. A group of at least 3 Democrats must request that their caucus be recognized.

381 C. Each caucus is responsible for complying with the regulations and financial requirements of the
382 Washington County Central Committee. The Central Committee is not required to provide
383 financial support to any caucus.

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385 ARTICLE X MEETINGS

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387 Section 1:

388 All meetings of the Central Committee shall be open to the public.

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390 Section 2: Organizational Meeting

- 391 A. The organizational meeting of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee in
392 Washington County shall be the first meeting of the Central Committee held following a General
393 Election. It shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days following the sending of the notice of the
394 organizational meeting and no later than fifty (50) days after the election. Those present shall
395 constitute a quorum. (ORS 248.033 – 248.043)
- 396 B. The meeting shall be called by the Chair of the retiring Central Committee, who shall give notice
397 of time, date, place and agenda of such meeting not later than ten (10) days following the General
398 Election to each newly elected or appointed PCP. At that time, a copy of this notice shall also be
399 sent by the Chair of the retiring Central Committee to the retiring Chair of the State Central
400 Committee and the Executive Director of the Democratic Central Committee of Oregon.
- 401 C. In the event that the foregoing procedures are not materially complied with, the organization
402 meeting shall occur in accordance with ORS 248.033.
- 403 D. Pursuant to ORS 248.035, at the organizational meeting, and prior to the election of officers, the
404 officers of the retiring Central Committee shall make available to the Central Committee all
405 property, records and funds owned or controlled by the retiring Central Committee.

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407 Section 3: Regular Meetings

- 408 A. Regular meetings will be monthly.
409 B. Fifteen (15) PCPs shall constitute a quorum for regular and special meetings.

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411 Section 4: Special Meetings

412 Special meetings shall be called by the Chair; in his/her absence or incapacity, by a Vice-Chair; in the
413 absence or incapacity of both, by an Officer of this Central Committee; or by ten (10) PCPs. The meeting
414 shall be solely for the transaction of business as stated in the call for the meeting.

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416 Section 5: Notice of Meetings

417 Notice containing date, time, and location shall be sent by postal mail to all members of this Central
418 Committee not later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting (ORS 248.012). Any
419 supplemental materials may be sent by email or postal mail.

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421 Section 6: Prohibition of Proxies

422 Proxies in no instance shall be permitted to participate in any Central Committee meeting. (ORS 248.045)

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424 ARTICLE XI CONVENTIONS

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426 Section 1: Convention Delegates

- 427 A. At least ninety (90) days prior to the State Democratic Convention, the Washington
428 County Central Committee shall receive from the Democratic Party of Oregon a notice of the
429 number of delegates and alternate delegates to that Convention that it is entitled to elect.
- 430 B. At least thirty (30) days before the Convention, the Washington County Central Committee shall
431 elect the delegates and alternates and notify the Chair of the State Central Committee of the
432 names and postal addresses of persons chosen.

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434 Section 2: Selection of Delegates and Alternates
435 Delegates and alternates shall be selected in a meeting of the Central Committee in which voting shall be
436 limited to its PCPs.

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438 Section 3: County Platform Convention
439 The Platform Convention will be called in odd number years so the Platform and LAIs are completed and
440 published prior to the October Central Committee Meeting. A quorum for the Platform Convention shall
441 be twenty-five percent (25%) of Registered Delegates.

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443 **ARTICLE XII BALLOT MEASURES AND PUBLIC POLICY RESOLUTIONS**

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445 Section 1: Ballot Measures
446 The Central Committee may take a position on ballot measures.

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448 Section 2: Public Policy Resolutions
449 A. "Public policy" is defined in these bylaws as any issue of public concern that an outside
450 organization can address.
451 B. Public policy resolutions may only be presented to the Central Committee after either:
452 1. The Resolutions and Platform Committee (RPC) has recommended that the resolution be
453 adopted; or
454 2. 15 PCPs, who are not RPC members, have provided the resolution in writing to the
455 WCDCC Chair at least 21 days before a Central Committee meeting.
456 C. The draft resolution shall be emailed to PCPs for review 15 days prior to being presented at the
457 next Central Committee meeting for a first reading.
458 D. At or before the next RPC committee meeting, written input will be solicited from PCPs for
459 potential amendments prior to adoption at the Central Committee.
460 E. The full text of the resolution and any changes since last presented shall be posted to the website
461 and emailed to PCPs at least 15 days prior to the meeting that the public policy resolution shall be
462 voted on.
463 F. Emergency public policy resolutions may be brought to the Central Committee without proper
464 notice with the approval of a majority of the elected officers and not subject to A-D above.

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466 **ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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468 Rules of procedure in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" (current edition) shall govern the
469 Central Committee in all cases not covered by these Bylaws, the Central Committee's Standing Rules, or
470 the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Oregon.

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472 **ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENT**

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474 These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Central Committee provided that:
475 A. The proposed amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Rules
476 Committee;
477 B. Copies of the proposed amendment are made available on the website not later than the fifteenth
478 day in advance of the meeting;
479 C. All PCPs are notified and provided either a link to the amendment and/or the text of the
480 amendment by postal mail and/or email at least 15 days in advance;
481 D. Two-thirds of those present and voting vote to adopt the amendment. (ORS 248.045)

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484 Revised November 22, 2008
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486 Amended April 22, 2009
487 Amended February 22, 2012
488 Amended October 24, 2012
489 Amended April 24, 2013
490 Amended January 22, 2014
491 Amended May 27, 2015
492 Amended April 26, 2017
493 Amended June 28, 2017
494 Amended August 6, 2017 by action of the State Central Committee
495 Amended March 28, 2018
496 Amended May 23, 2018 by Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
497 Amended July 26, 2018 by Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
498 Amended August 30, 2018 by Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
499 Amended September 27, 2018 by Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
500 Amended October 25, 2018 By Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
501 Amended January 2, 2019 by Dan Jensen, Rules Chair
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