

Hello Washington County PCPs,

The Rules Committee has been negotiating the following proposals with the involved standing committees and the following proposals are the result of many months of deliberation. We will be asking for your vote of approval at the March 27 Central Committee meeting.

BL 2019-004 Ballot Measures & Resolutions

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Resolutions and Platform Committee.

Rationale: This proposal was brought forward due to concerns about resolutions consuming excessive time during our Central Committee meetings. This proposal institutes a rule for first and second readings of resolutions instead of being a custom. It also requires the resolutions be emailed to PCPs 15 days before the Central Committee meeting where it is to be presented for first or second reading. This provision will give everyone time to review all resolutions while making presentations at the Central Committee meeting more efficient. This proposal also allows for an emergency resolution to be presented with approval of a majority of the officers.

Proviso: If adopted t this amendment will take effect at end of meeting on March 27, 2019.

Amend: ARTICLE XII BALLOT MEASURES AND PUBLIC POLICY
RESOLUTIONS
Section 2: Public Policy Resolutions

DELETE:

- ~~A. The Central Committee may pass a substantive resolution on any subject provided that: A standing committee, or 5 PCPs at large, has presented the proposed text of the resolution in writing to the Resolutions and Platform Committee for consideration at the next meeting.~~
- ~~B. Notice has been sent to all PCPs, with the entire resolution text, that the resolution will be considered at the meeting covered by the notice.~~

ADD:

- A. “Public policy” is defined in these bylaws as any issue of public concern that an outside organization can address.**

- B. Public policy resolutions may only be presented to the Central Committee after either:**
- 1. The Resolutions and Platform Committee (RPC) has recommended that the resolution be adopted; or**
 - 2. 15 PCPs, who are not RPC members, have provided the resolution in writing to the WCDCC Chair at least 21 days before a Central Committee meeting.**
- C. The draft resolution shall be emailed to PCPs for review 15 days prior to being presented at the next Central Committee meeting for a first reading.**
- D. At or before the next RPC committee meeting, written input will be solicited from PCPs for potential amendments prior to adoption at the Central Committee.**
- E. The full text of the resolution and any changes since last presented shall be posted to the website and emailed to PCPs at least 15 days prior to the meeting that the public policy resolution shall be voted on.**
- F. Emergency public policy resolutions may be brought to the Central Committee without proper notice with the approval of a majority of the elected officers and not subject to A-E above.**

BL & SRO 2019-005 Platform Convention

Rationale: The need for clarification of how the County Platform Convention is called and convened is necessary due to the confusion during the last County Platform Convention.

The DPO will be starting their process for developing a new platform in October of odd number years. *WCDCC Bylaws Article IX, Section 7, e. The Resolutions and Platform Committee: Shall receive, review and make recommendations on all proposed resolutions; submit proposed platform items, based upon major issues, to the Central Committee for its consideration; send the required number of copies of the County Platform to the Platform Committee of the State Central Committee so that it may be considered for inclusion in the State Democratic Platform.*

This proposal allows for calling the WCDCC Platform Convention in a clear and concise manner while outlining the duties of each of the Standing Committees involved in the process. It also requires the Platform and LAIs to be finalized in time so they may be considered for inclusion in the State Democratic Platform. This proposal also outlines the process for amending the Platform and LAIs after the convention.

Bylaw:

ARTICLE X

CONVENTIONS

Section 3: County Platform Convention

~~A county-level Platform Convention may be held in advance of the State Democratic Convention.~~ **The Platform Convention will be called in odd number years so the Platform and LAIs are completed and published prior to the October Central Committee Meeting. A quorum for the Platform Convention shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of Registered Delegates.**

NEW SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER:

Special Rule of Order #--

COUNTY PLATFORM CONVENTIONS

Section 1 - About the Convention

1. Purpose
 - a. The purpose of the county's Platform Convention (This Convention) is to adopt a Platform and Legislative Action Items (LAIs) for the Central Committee and to perform other functions assigned to it by these Special Rules of Order.
 - b. This Convention may take place across different days.
 - c. This Convention shall be open for the public to attend as guests.
2. Delegates
 - a. Only delegates shall be eligible to vote during This Convention.
 - b. Any person legally registered as a Democrat in Washington County shall be eligible to be delegates to This Convention.
 - c. There shall be no more than 50 Delegates per state House District.
 - d. Delegates shall be chosen by self-nomination and upon verification of their party affiliation.
 - e. Registered Delegates must be self-nominated at least 30 days prior to This Convention.
 - f. All other persons legally registered as Democrats in Washington County wishing to be Delegates must be elected at This Convention by the Registered Delegates by a majority vote after verification of their party affiliation.
3. Guests
 - a. Guests are not eligible to vote during This Convention.
 - b. Guests may speak only with special permission of the Convention Chair or the Subject Committee's Facilitator.
 - c. Guests will be allowed as space permits.
4. Call of the Convention
 - a. The Resolutions & Platform Committee shall call This Convention.
 - b. The Call must be made at least 90 days prior to This Convention.
5. Notification
 - a. Notification for selection of delegates to This Convention shall be given at least 60 days prior to the convention.

- b. Notification to all Delegates of the time and location of This Convention shall be given at least 21 days prior to This Convention.

Section 2 - Duties of Standing Committees Prior to and During This Convention

A committee's duties may be assigned to another committee by the Executive Board as needed.

1. The Resolutions & Platform Committee shall:
 - a. Have primary responsibility for coordinating efforts prior to This Convention and will ensure other committees have the information necessary to carry out their duties at least 7 days prior to their deadlines.
 - b. Create a Program for the duration of This Convention and ensure all Delegates are aware of the Program.
 - c. Prepare a draft Platform at least 30 days prior to This Convention.
 - d. Establish the Subject Committees and their Interim Facilitators.
 - e. Reserve an appropriate venue for This Convention.
 - f. Provide for seating at This Convention. Guests shall have separate seating from Delegates, as much as is possible.
 - g. Ensure there is at least one person present wishing to be nominated for every Officer of This Convention, as defined by The Standing Rules of the Convention.
 - h. Alert This Convention of possible contradictions or redundancies in the Platform.
 - i. Assist This Convention's Chair in determining appropriate committee jurisdictions for topics debated during This Convention, as defined by The Standing Rules of the Convention.
 - j. Provide other assistance as requested by This Convention's Chair.
2. The Credentials Committee shall:
 - a. Be forwarded all self-nominations for Delegates.
 - b. Verify the nominees to be legally registered as Democrats in Washington County.
 - c. Maintain a list of verified Delegates available to the Resolutions & Platform Committee and the Communications Committee.
 - d. Credential Delegates at This Convention and provide verification for all other legally registered Democrats in Washington County seeking to become Delegates at This Convention.
 - e. Draft a Credentials Report to be provided at the beginning of This Convention.
3. The Rules Committee shall:
 - a. Draft a group of rules known as "The Standing Rules of the Convention" at least 30 days prior to This Convention in order to be publicly available and submit these rules to This Convention.
 - b. Serve This Convention, at the request of This Convention's Chair, on all questions relating to This Convention's rules.
 - c. Provide other assistance as requested by This Convention's Chair.
4. The Communications Committee shall:
 - a. Provide notification for selection of delegates to This Convention which shall be given at least 60 days prior to the convention.
 - b. Notify Delegates of time, location, draft rules, and draft platform of This Convention at least 21 days prior to This Convention.

- c. Publish all necessary platform convention materials for This Convention and distribute to all Delegates with the notice of the time and location of This Convention.
- d. Promote and publicize This Convention on social media and in local news media.

Section 3 - At the Convention

1. The Interim Chair
 - a. The Interim Chair for This Convention shall be the Resolutions & Platform Committee Chair, or their designee.
 - b. They shall preside over This Convention's Opening Plenary Session during adoption of the Credentials Report and the adoption of The Standing Rules of the Convention and until a Convention Chair is elected.
2. Credentials
 - a. The Credentials Report shall be the first order of business.
 - b. Directly after the Credentials Report has been approved, the Credentials Committee shall also report any verified members wishing to be elected as Delegates at the Convention, who were not already Registered Delegates.
 - c. These new verified Democrats may be added as Delegates by a majority vote.
 - d. A quorum for This Convention shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of Registered Delegates.
3. The Standing Rules of the Convention
 - a. The first order of business after the Credentials Report and approval of new Delegates shall be the approval of The Standing Rules of the Convention.
 - b. These Rules may be debated and amended from the floor.
 - c. After all debate and amendments, a single vote shall be taken to approve the Rules, which will require a two-thirds vote to be adopted.
 - d. A separate vote on any single rule may be demanded by any delegate.
4. Election of This Convention's Chair
 - a. The first order of business after the adoption of The Standing Rules of the Convention shall be the election of a Chair for This Convention.
 - b. Nominations shall be taken from the floor and may only be closed upon confirmation from the Body that no other Delegates wish to be nominated.
5. Election of the Editing Committee
 - a. The first order of business of the Chair for This Convention shall be to call for nominations for the Editing Committee.
 - b. Nominations shall be taken from the floor and may only be closed upon confirmation from the Body that no other Delegates wish to be nominated.
 - c. This Convention shall elect five members to prepare the final version of the Platform and LAIs.
6. Remainder of Convention
 - a. The remainder of This Convention shall be governed by The Standing Rules of the Convention as approved by its Delegates.
7. The Platform and LAIs adopted by This Convention is the draft final version and may be amended by the Editing Committee and the Central Committee as provided in Section 4.

Section 4 - After the Convention

1. Editing Committee shall:
 - a. Elect their own chair.
 - b. Review the language of the Platform and LAIs, and make corrections, only if necessary for grammar or clarity, but may not change the intent.
 - c. Prepare the edited final version of the adopted Platform and submit it to the Convention Chair within 14 days of the end of This Convention.
2. The Convention Chair shall:
 - a. Coordinate with those necessary to post the adopted Platform on the WCDCC website prior to the October Central Committee meeting for review by the membership.
 - b. Present the edited final version of the Platform and LAIs at the earliest opportunity to the Central Committee.
3. The Central Committee to act as Interim Platform Convention
 - a. Starting 90 days after notice has been given of the new Platform and LAIs, the membership may make amendments to the Platform or LAIs.
 - b. Amendments must originate by the same rules as other public policy resolutions and shall be submitted to the Resolutions & Platform Committee, which will consider them using the same process it uses for resolutions, and will pass them on to the membership with its recommendation for or against the amendment.
 - c. Amendments that alter the Platform or LAIs require a 2/3 vote.

Delegate Election Forum Registration:

There is concern about Special Rule of Order #4 - Election Process for Delegates to the SCC and CD1CC and its implementation with regard to gender equity. Therefore, the Rules Committee will be holding forum(s) and we encourage everyone interested or that desires to give input for the rewrite of this Special Rule of Order to attend and participate.

We want to take some time and work through this carefully and thoughtfully. The intention is to have this rewrite completed and approved by the end of 2019.

The forum(s) will be begin in the spring or early summer of 2019. Those interested in attending, please fill out the registration form [HERE](#).

<http://tinyurl.com/WCDCCdelegateforum>

You will be advised when and where the event will be held. Phone number is not required, but recommended.

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