

## **Rules for consideration at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Central Committee Meeting:**

### **SR 2019-006 Calls to Action**

#### **Rationale:**

Recently, a number of PCPs were upset when an important legislative priority to the CC wasn't communicated as a call to action when the issue came up for consideration in Congress. In the time since the Rules Committee has considered possible solutions and worked with the Communications Committee to draft a policy and rule to make sure that the issues we ran into will be addressed and not come up again. The Communications Committee is now actively intaking requests and processing calls to action, and this is the rule side of that work.

Because of the nature of such work, we felt it would be best to create a rule that was broad but established that a call to action process was required. We want the Communications Committee to have the flexibility to fine-tune processes that are efficient, and quick to disseminate the information. At the same time, we also want to assure that if people felt the response they got from the Communications Committee wasn't adequate, there is a swift next step they could take to escalate.

Proposed Standing Rule:  
STANDING RULE #XX

- A. "Calls to Action" are requests for action related to previously adopted resolutions, platform planks, LAIs, or Democratic Party values.
- B. The Communications Committee shall have a standardized intake process and policy for swiftly evaluating and publishing calls to action.
- C. The goals of this process and policy will be to inform our membership regarding these matters, and call on them to be mobilized to action.
- D. If the requester is unsatisfied with the Communications Committee's decision, the requestor may bring their concern to the officers. The officers will come to a decision within 3 days of the appeal.

### **SR 2019-011 Email Distribution for Party Business**

#### **Rationale:**

As a growing party with nearly six hundred members, the number of emails regarding party business being distributed is increasing and the demand for more emails is only increasing. There are no rules or policies regarding how this distribution is to be handled, leaving a wild west situation where traffic jams, doubling up, and leaving people unsure what emails should be sent and by whom are all becoming more common.

Rules and policy to govern email distribution for party business including prioritization of those emails is necessary to assure that our membership is able to receive all important information, receive it in a timely manner, and in a manner that is digestible and with maximum impact.

**Proposed Standing Rule:  
STANDING RULE #XX**

- A. The Communications Committee shall conduct all email distribution for party business and shall be in charge of intake, input and release of emails. The Communications Committee shall maintain timeliness, branding, high and consistent editorial standards, legality around membership and unsubscribing. The Communications Committee shall determine who has access to administer email services.
- B. Officers, delegates, committee chairs, caucus chairs and staff shall submit their proposed copy and request for distribution to the Communications Committee no later than three days before the date distribution is being requested or required by rule. If an urgent matter needs to be distributed in less than three days or the Communications Committee will be unable to act in a timely manner, the Officers can make the distribution by the agreement of three officers.
- C. The Communications Committee shall upload the email, and make sure the content intent is maintained. The Communications Committee shall copy-edit for spelling, grammatical accuracy and clarity. However draft motions, draft resolutions and draft rules shall not be edited.
- D. The Communications Committee shall prioritize the release of emails based upon notification requirements in the bylaws, followed by need and urgency of the information as determined by the Committee. The Communications Committee shall determine the date of distribution and may combine multiple emails into one.
- E. The Communications Committee may reject a request for distribution, according to its policy unless the email is mandated by rule, but such rejection shall be immediately forwarded to the Officers who may by agreement of three officers overturn that rejection.