

Rules Committee has some changes we need to make before the Organization meeting in November. These are largely bookkeeping changes, as since our last organizational meeting we gained a new Congressional District and the laws around party membership have changed.

Motion #1:

Our first motion is to amend the bylaws, Article 5: Membership to replace the text there in its entirety with:

Section 1: Members

1. PCPs - Members of the Central Committee shall consist of all Democratic Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs) elected and certified in Washington County (ORS 248.015, 248.031, and 248.045(2) and (3)), or appointed to fill a vacancy (ORS 248.026).
2. Associate Members - Members of the Executive Board, Members of a Delegation as defined in Article VII, Section 1, and registered Democrats who hold elective public office (partisan and nonpartisan) are Associate Members. Unless they are otherwise entitled to vote, they are not counted in a quorum for a Central Committee meeting, and are neither eligible to make motions nor to vote on business brought before the Central Committee. Associate Members are otherwise entitled to speak at the Central Committee in the same manner as PCPs. Associate Members shall be encouraged to become PCPs.

Section 2: Appointed PCPs

1. The Central Committee may appoint any person registered as a Democrat for at least 180 days and currently registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists, in a directly neighboring precinct, or in a precinct within the same house district, to fill a vacancy in the office of PCP (ORS 248.026 (1) and (2)). A person who has turned 18 within the last six months may be appointed, so long as that person is a registered Democrat in the precinct in which the vacancy exists or in a directly neighboring precinct or in a precinct within the same house district.
2. The newly appointed PCP's tenure, along with the ability to vote regarding Central Committee matters, shall begin as soon as the County Elections Official enters the appointment on the county election records pursuant to ORS 248.026(2). Appointed PCP's shall hold the office for the unexpired term and shall have the powers, duties and privileges of an elected PCP except that they may not vote for officers at the Organizational meeting (ORS 248.026(3) and (4)).

Section 3: Resignation of PCPs

A PCP may resign by written notice to the Washington County Elections Official and such resignation shall be effective when the Washington County Elections Official declares the office vacant with a notice to the Central Committee (ORS 248.024). Then the Secretary shall immediately notify the Central Committee Chair.

Section 4: Removal

1. A PCP elected in a primary election may be recalled only by the voters in that precinct, initiated by a petition which requires a minimum of 25% of the Democrats who voted in the last primary in that precinct, and in accordance with ORS 248.029(2). Said election shall be paid for by the Central Committee (ORS 248.029(3)).
2. Recall of Appointed PCPs may be initiated by a petition signed by a number of PCPs, equal to 25% or more of the number of PCPs elected in the most recent Primary Election. A minimum of 21 days notice must be given prior to a vote of the WCDCC. A majority vote is required for removal.

This text is copied straight from our new bylaws, and contains no significant changes. The reason we need to make this change is because in 2021, a new law came into effect that changed the way PCPs are elected. This adjusted the ORS citations and changed a tiny amount of the language in this section. The Rules Committee decided to just copy the work we did for the new bylaws into our current ones so we are up to date with state law.

Note: While our party rules allow for the amendment of this section when the motion is made, we cannot actually change our obligations under state law. This whole section is just state law directly quoted in our bylaws, and we cannot deviate from it. If you would like to change this, we have many state senators and representatives that you can reach out to modify the law around PCP election and membership to our party.

Motion #2

Our second motion will be to amend Article 7: ELECTED DELEGATE POSITIONS in our bylaws.

All delegates and alternates elected to the State Central Committee (SCC), ~~and/or~~, First Congressional District Democratic Central Committee (CD1CC), ~~and/or Sixth Congressional District Democratic Central Committee~~ delegations shall serve according to the bylaws of the respective Committees.

- A. Delegates and alternates to the SCC, ~~and~~, CD1CC, ~~and~~ CD6CC shall be elected for a term of approximately two (2) years. Their term shall begin on the date they are elected and end at the next Organizational Meeting. Vacancies may be filled at subsequent meetings.
- B. All delegates and alternates to the SCC, ~~and~~, CD1CC, ~~and~~ CD6CC shall be elected by plurality vote at the Organizational Meeting of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee.
- C. DPO Bylaws, Article 7 (Conventions), set the requirements for electing delegates and alternates to the State Democratic Conventions held in each election year.
- D. Article II (National Convention) of the Democratic National Committee Charter, its Call to the Convention, and its Delegate Selection Rules set the basis for the election of delegates to presidential elections year National Conventions.

And a small change in Article 9: Committees and 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 ~~and Sixth~~ Congressional Districts Central Committee delegates...

The goal of these changes is to authorize the delegate elections for the Sixth Congressional district. In the new draft bylaws, The Rules Committee has made significant changes to these sections, and as such we chose to just add Sixth Congressional District wherever necessary.

Motion #3

Our third motion is similar to the second, amending Standing Rules #4 and #5 to add CD6 language:

STANDING RULE #4:

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. DELEGATES TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (SCC):

Adopted 10/25/2006, Amended 1/22/2014, Amended 4/26/2017, Amended 8/23/2017, Corrected 8/30/2018, Amended 9/26/2018

1. Delegates and alternate delegates will be elected to the SCC at the organizational meeting.
2. The number of delegates elected will be equal to the number of Democrats in Washington County registered on the day of the primary election, divided by 15,000. If the remaining number exceeds 7500, one additional delegate shall be elected. An equal number of alternates shall be elected.
3. The Chair of the Washington County Central Committee is an automatic member of the delegation, filling one of the delegate positions.
4. At the first Central Committee meeting following the organizational meeting, only the delegates-elect, and not the alternates, shall meet and select a Chair from among the delegate members. The Rules Committee will run this election.

B. DELEGATES TO THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CD1CC) AND SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CD6CC):

~~Adopted 10/25/2006, Amended 1/22/2014, Amended 4/26/2017, Amended 8/23/2017, Corrected 8/30/2018, Amended 9/26/2018, Corrected 1/2/2019~~

1. Delegates and alternate delegates will be elected to CD1CC and CD6CC at the organizational meeting.
2. The number of delegates elected will be equal to the number of Democrats in Washington County registered on the day of the primary election, divided by 15,000. If the remaining number exceeds 7500, one additional delegate shall be elected. An equal number of alternates shall be elected.

STANDING RULE #5:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, AND DELEGATION CHAIRS TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (SCC) AND THE ~~FIRST~~ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEESS (CD1CC)

~~Adopted 10/25/2006, Amended 8/23/2017 Amended 7/25/2018, Corrected 1/2/2019~~

- A. Delegates are expected and alternates are encouraged to attend all meetings of the SCC, ~~or~~ CD1CC or CD6CC, as appropriate.
- B. Delegates who cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting shall notify the Delegation Chair with a reason for not attending as soon as possible, in order that an alternate may attend.
- C. The Delegation Chair shall send a minimum of 2 meeting notifications via email to all delegation members of their respective body. The first notice shall be sent no less than 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Delegates and alternates shall be asked, and expected, to notify the Delegation Chair whether they will be able to attend as soon as practical.

- D. In the event delegates and alternates do not respond with a definitive commitment to attend by two weeks prior to the start of a meeting, the Delegation Chair shall assign an alternate who has indicated that they will attend.
- E. If non-responsive delegates respond in the affirmative less than two weeks prior to the start of the meeting or if non-responsive delegates attend the meeting without confirmation notice, they will be assigned an alternate position unless there are additional or unexpected absences at the delegate level.
- F. Delegates who do not respond to the Delegation Chair who attend the meeting will receive credit for attending but will not be able to vote.
- G. This Standing Rule shall be referenced in all meeting notifications sent by the Delegation Chair.
- H. Resignation and Removal of Delegates
 - 1. A delegate may resign by written notice to the Chair of their body or the County Chair.
 - 2. SCC Delegates who have two unexcused absences, at the discretion of their delegation chair, or three total absences have effectively resigned, and may be replaced.
 - 3. CD1CC or CD6CC Delegates who have three consecutive absences or four total absences have effectively resigned, and may be replaced.
- I. If a Delegation Chair is unable to attend their respective meeting, the Delegation Chair shall appoint a temporary replacement for that meeting from the list of delegates attending.
- J. Delegation Chairs will keep an up to date list of all delegates and alternates in rank order. Delegation Chairs will assure the delegation lists on the website are correct and up to date and advise the webmaster of any changes as soon as possible.
- K. Delegation Chairs are members of the Executive Committee. Delegation Chairs will advise both the Central Committee and the Executive Board of upcoming meetings and report on attendance, substantive discussions and actions taken by those bodies at the next regularly scheduled Central Committee and Executive Board meeting.
- L. Delegation Chairs will provide the Credentials Chair of their respective bodies the list of delegates for each meeting 48 hours in advance.
- M. Persons who choose to become a candidate for an SCC, ~~or~~, CD1CC, or CD6CC Delegate or Alternate Delegate position will sign a copy of this Standing Rule to acknowledge they have read and understand this rule.

Once again, this simply adds CD6 to the list of delegations we send, and codifies their processes.

We also made a minor change in the Special Rules of Order to remove a direct reference to CD1, but the Rules Committee considered that a scrivener's error and did not need to be voted on by the CC.

Motion #4:

As part of our comprehensive bylaws update, The Rules Committee created a process for endorsing ballot measures. Our current bylaws text simply says that we may take a position on a ballot measure, however every time this comes up there are a wide range of questions on the process. Also, the Rules Committee sought to align ourselves with the DPO's process and require a 2/3rds vote to take a position on a ballot measure.

We had originally intended to adopt the bylaws revision before the current endorsements process, but due to time constraints and endorsements needing the time during our meetings in the last few months, Rules decided to postpone the adoption of this until next year. However, after the events of the September CC meeting, we felt it was necessary to adopt the new language now, so that we have clarification and a 2/3rds requirement to take a position on a ballot measure.

As such, our motion is to amend Article 12: BALLOT MEASURES AND PUBLIC POLICY RESOLUTIONS

ARTICLE XII BALLOT MEASURES AND PUBLIC POLICY RESOLUTIONS

~~Section 1: Ballot Measures~~

~~The Central Committee may take a position on ballot measures.~~

Section 1: Ballot Measures

1. The Central Committee shall vote on what position to take on ballot measures at least 30 days prior to each election.
2. Each measure, after debate, shall have a vote taken for each of “for”, “against”, and “no position”. If “for” or “against” receives a two-thirds vote, that shall become the position of the WCDCC for that ballot measure. Otherwise, “No position” shall become the position of the WCDCC for that ballot measure.