

Bylaws of the 49th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee

PREAMBLE

We Democrats of the 49th Legislative District of the State of Washington, to promote the common good of the residents of this district, establish these bylaws for the conduct of the business of our organization in accordance with the Charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the 49th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to organize and increase political participation in electing Democrats to the Washington Legislature representing the 49th Legislative District.

MEETINGS

The biennial organization meeting of the organization shall be held in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 29A.80.030, which ordains in part that authorized officers of the retiring committee shall cause due and appropriate notice of the time and place of such meeting to each Democratic precinct committee officer elected in the most recent appropriate election but after their election has been certified. The meeting will be held at a time and place easily accessible within the district. The organizational meeting will elect officers who will constitute the executive committee.

Regular meetings shall be held at least every other month but may be held more frequently at times and places set by the executive committee, with proper notice to the members by postal mail or electronic media at least five days in advance of the meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the chair or by the executive committee, with notice of such meetings to the members five or more days before the meeting.

A quorum for any meeting shall consist of those persons present after due notice.

MEMBERSHIP

All elected, appointed and acting Democratic precinct committee officers are members. Any other registered voter in the legislative district may become a member upon payment of annual dues of \$10. Any member who is a Democratic precinct committee officer or who has paid dues at least 30 days before a meeting shall be entitled to vote on matters arising in the meeting that are not covered by the provisions of statute which in general restrict voting upon reorganization to elected precinct committee officers.

No proxy voting is permitted in the proceedings of the committee.

OFFICERS

The elected officers of the committee are chair, vice chair (who shall be of the opposite sex of the chair), state committeeman, state committeewoman, secretary, and treasurer.

The chair shall preside over the meetings of the organization, serve as its chief executive officer, represent the organization as its authorized spokesperson, serve as an ex-officio member of any committee, and appoint members of committees.

The vice chair will assume those responsibilities delegated by the chair and will preside at meetings in the absence of the chair.

The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance at all meetings; maintain membership lists, bylaws, charter, and convention rules. The secretary shall make such materials available to committee members upon request of other officers or upon petition by five or more members. The secretary shall notify the membership of organizational meetings, regular meetings, special meetings, political nominations and other business of the organization.

The treasurer shall maintain complete and accurate records of receipts and expenditures of the organization in compliance with laws and rules of the Washington Public Disclosure Commission.

The treasurer shall receive all funds coming to the organization and deposit them in a financial institution approved by the executive committee. All disbursements will be by checks drawn upon that account and signed by the treasurer and either by the chair or vice chair. The treasurer will report the financial status of the district at any regular meeting and report annually on the finances of the organization for the prior year. An audit shall be performed by an audit committee at the end of each biennium or upon the resignation of the treasurer.

The state committeeman and state committeewoman shall represent the interests of the organization at Washington State Democratic Central Committee meetings and shall report state activity back to the organization.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, state committeewoman and state committeeman shall constitute the executive committee. The chair may appoint as many as two additional members from among the membership of the organization. The committee shall meet to formulate policy proposals for consideration by the membership, to plan and organize other activities and authorize expenditures.

COMMITTEES

The chair may appoint committees as needed and appropriate including a planning committee, finance committee, membership committee and audit committee. Committee recommendations in general will be submitted to the membership for approval.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Upon appointment by the LD49 chair, a target fund committee including at least the LD49 chair, vice chair, treasurer and one other member shall recommend to the membership of the organization the allocation of any Target Funds.

When two or more Democrats are seeking one position in a primary, the target funds committee shall recommend to the organization at a regular meeting the allocation of funds to one or more of the contending candidates. The final decision about allocation shall be by majority vote of the membership at the meeting.

Should funds become available between the most recent regular meeting and the date of the primary or the general election, the chair may call a special meeting for the purpose of allocation but shall assure that all members of the organization have due and appropriate notice of the special meeting. In cases where funds are received too late for notice to the membership, the funds may be allocated and disbursed by majority vote of the target funds committee.

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the quorum at a regular meeting after specific due and proper notice of the change being suggested.

ORDER

"Robert's Rules of Order" in the most current available version shall govern the conduct of the organization's meetings where they are not in conflict with these bylaws, the Charter of the Washington Democratic Party, or the Revised Code of Washington.

(These bylaws were presented to the organization for first consideration at the regular meeting at 10 a.m., April 9, 2011, with possible amendment and final passage anticipated at the regular meeting at 10 a.m., May 14, 2011.)