Meeting was called to order by Chair Casey Steinau at 9:02 am. SCC members introduced themselves and a quorum was established. Agenda approved with changes.

Secretary’s Report
Katherine Pfeiffer
Typo in the agenda, Sterling meeting was September 2017, not August 2017. Approved with changes by unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report
Carolyn Covington
We are in good fiscal shape. The holiday auction brought appx. 35k. Income, budget sheets passed out and reviewed by the committee. Pitch for sustaining donors from the SCC members.

2018 Budget was presented for adoption. Following multiple questions and discussion Carolyn Covington moved to adopt the budget. Budget was adopted.

Legislative Report
Senator Berta Gardner & Representative Chris Tuck

Representative Chris Tuck- glad to have the ADP in Juneau! The House of Representatives is working on solutions for Alaska, appreciate courage of republicans who joined coalition
Goal is to pass budget on time this year, will need to use earnings reserve to pay for the budget unless Senate finds new revenue sources. Update on bills and policies on sexual harassment, 12 months of birth control, public education BSA, constitutionalize PFD.

Senator Berta Gardner- Senate Dems are focusing on getting budget handled early and correctly, prioritizing safety, education and health care. Budget and Fiscal Plan are different-fiscal plan is 5 years, 10 years. Plan is going to be prioritize jobs and growth in Alaska. Working to protect the Permanent Fund, thank the governor for tackling climate change head on. Challenging Senate Majority to tell exactly what they plan to cut- not just line-items, but people, programs, and jobs.

Recess from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for the Women’s March.

Chair’s Report
Casey Steinau
*Overview of current events.
*Code of conduct and Sexual harassment trainings required with VoteBuilder purchase
*Candidates vetting
* Candidate trainings
* Anchorage Vote-by-Mail
Finance Committee Reports
Rocky Plotnick
Holiday Auction raised approximately $35,000. Pitch for sustaining donors from SCC members.

Executive Director’s Report
Jay Parmley
Update on the lawsuit against State of Alaska to allow non-partisan or unaffiliated to run in Democratic primary. Supreme Court hear the appeal in March, expect court to rule before June 1 deadline. Updates on DNC grants and the DNC SWAT analysis

Update on staffing, coordinated campaign & new Coordinated Campaign Director Helen Strain.

12:00 deadline to sell raffle tickets to qualify for “early bird” prize

National Committee Reports
Sheila Selkregg- DNC committed to future, Unity Commission, diverse leadership
Ed Wesley- Engage, educate, and elect

Congressional Candidates-
Dimitri Shein, Alyse Galvin and Gregory Jones spoke to the committee.

Resolutions Committee Report
6 Resolutions
#1- LGBTQ+ Caucus, opposition to Proposition 1
#2-Safeguarding our Environment
#3- Protecting our media and our First Amendment rights
#4- Eliminating undue influence of corporations on our government
#5- Diversifying industry through expanding the film and arts industry within Alaska
#6 – Taxation Reform in Alaska

Motion to remove #2, #3, #4, #6- Mike Wenstrup failed
Motion to remove #1- Pat Chesbro - failed
Motion to vote to pass #5 as is - failed
Motion to remove #5 failed

Two members spoke in favor of Resolution #1
Friendly Amendment- Pat Chesbro- Add opposition to Anchorage Proposition 1- was adopted
Three members spoke in opposition.
Question was called by D’Arcy Hutchings
Motion fails, debate continues
Following further discussion Resolution was adopted.
Resolution #2
Multiple motions to amend the resolution failed. Tom Chard moved to table the Resolution, Celia Crossett moved to second. Motion to table was adopted.

Resolution #3
Motion to pause resolutions, move to new business by Laura Herman.
Chair- Motion is out of order, disrespects resolutions committee.
Challenge to Ruling- Deidra Browne, failed and ruling of the Chair stands.
Resolutions 3, 4, 5 & 6 were tabled.

Report of the Committee to review the Presidential nominating process
Casey Steinau- premature to take presidential nominating process to the convention considering the DNC is currently reviewing the presidential nominating process.
Honor the work done by this committee, but ultimately will have to table this discussion.

Laura Herman brought to the floor a complaint against SCC Ray Metcalf
Motion to enter executive session made by Carolyn Covington, seconded Nadine Lefebvre. An explanation of the executive session was given by the chair. Ray Metcalf objected to executive session. Questions and information followed. After discussion, Mike Wenstrup called the question, Seconded by Pat Chesbro. Motion adopted

Regional Reports

Interior Democrats
Mindy O’Neal Chair of the Interior Democrats discussed the upcoming elections.

Southeast
Cindy Spanyers reported that the municipal races went well and there seems to be quite a few retirements that will be happening in the Juneau delegation. There is a stormy political climate, but the Tongass Democrats remain strong.

Gulf Coast Democrats
Karyn Griffin reported that they are proud to organize and march. The next meeting will be February 3rd when they will be planning their candidate forums.

Mat-Su
Pat Chesbro and Robyn Schneider, the new Chair, reported on the upcoming convention in Talkeetna in May. They are working on raising money to keep delegate costs low.

Rural
Mike Davis reported on the Dillingham Community Forums on budget and services. Working on getting more villages involved in AK Democrats. Excited that the Nome Mayor will be a speaker at the convention.
Anchorage Democrats
James Smallwood, the new Vice Chair, reported that the caucuses would be March 10th at UAA. He also reported on the MOA Elections, Prop 1, the Black Caucus and discussed the progressives running for School Board.

Winner of the top raffle ticket seller prize of $500 was Rich Lestowski. Rich graciously donated $400 of his winnings to the ADP, HDCC, and the Mary McKinnon Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm by Chair Steinau.