Chair Steinau called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Introduction of committee members, roll call, and quorum established. The agenda was adopted.

Carolyn Covington moved to approve the minutes for July 14, August 15, and August 29th, 2018. Approved with corrections

State Chair’s Report

The Chair made these observations concerning the election:
- Suggested that the recruiting effort start much earlier and that AK Dems pitch in with candidate recruitment--especially for US Senate.
- The excitement of the candidate this cycle was great.
- There is still a lot of work to be done but this cycle was a start.
- Convening tables to look at how we win.
- Great election in Fairbanks – so nice to take out the Senate President Pete Kelly!
- Discussion of the recount in HD 1.
- Working to convene a committee to work on candidate recruitment and my hope is that all of you will be a part of this committee.
- We also need to do a better job of recruiting members to serve in party positions. Look for more about this in the new year.

DNC Member Report

Ed Wesley
- Expanded electorate and brought in new voters – 1st time voters and voters of color reshaping the demographic make-up of the electorate.
- Recommitted to the 50 State Strategy/Every Zip Code Strategy, while pouring real resources into state parties and coordinated campaigns.
- Overhauled the technology and data infrastructure of the party. Invested in new technologies, increased cell phone capacity, and partnered with national tech firms to increase capacity and voter contact.
- Increase party transparency, rebuild relationships, the trust of voters and rank-and-file Democrats.

Sheila Selkregg
- Report on diversity of the newly elected Democrats from Congress and governorships to state houses and senates and the investments that the DNC made in progressive candidates.
  - 39 US House seats flipped
  - 2 NEW Democratic Senators
  - 8 NEW Democratic State Legislatures
  - 308 NEW Democratic State Legislators
- 7 NEW Democratic Governors
- 4 NEW Democratic Attorney Generals
- 2 NEW Democratic Secretaries of State
- 1 NEW Democratic Commissioner of Agriculture
- 4 Republican super majorities in state legislatures broken
- 4 states voted to EXPAND voting rights
- 3 states voted to EXPAND Medicare
- 2 states voted to RAISE the minimum wage
  - Firsts:
    - The FIRST African-American women elected to Congress from Massachusetts, Illinois and Connecticut
    - The FIRST 2 Native American women elected to Congress
    - The FIRST 2 Muslim women elected to Congress
    - The FIRST 2 Latina women elected to Congress from Texas
    - The FIRST openly gay man elected as Governor
    - The YOUNGEST woman ever elected to Congress

What’s next for the DNC?
- Work of the new Unity Commission
- National infrastructure bank
- Climate resolution
- Wealth and inequality

Regional Updates

Anchorage Democrats

Julie Olsen
- We had good candidates and a good field plan and are very optimistic about this election.
- Were we doing the right activities? Why didn’t AK get caught up in the “Blue Wave?” It was very disappointing because we worked hard and didn’t win.
- Suggested hiring a professional to survey N, I, Us and Dems to ascertain the mood of the electorate and how we can increase enthusiasm and the steps necessary to be successful in the next cycle.
- Bringing together a planning committee for 2019

James Wright
- PFD and SB 91 caused confusion we need better messaging.
- An increase in enthusiasm for our candidates brought businesses to support their campaigns.
- I’m optimistic – time is now to work on the Presidential Caucuses and I will volunteer to be a part of that planning.
- A lot of positive came out of this cycle.

James Smallwood
- Walker/Begich played a huge role in Governor Dunleavy.
Ground work needs to be early – clear message – more volunteers

Discussion of letter received by some Central Committee member from a former staffer. Following a brief discussion, Chair Steinau was asked to communicate with former staffer and ask that any issues be filed with the Grievance Committee.

Grievance Report

Chair of Grievance Committee resigned, Tom Schultz. Recruiting a new Chair - Dan Lesoto has been asked to serve as Chair, hope to have the appointment by next week. Grievance Committee referred last grievance to the Executive Committee, there is only one left.

Interior Dems

Elaine Lawrence

- Elaine Lawrence reported on the relationships of ADP office and regional organization and thinks there is room for improved communication and outline of duties.
- Clear expectation of field organizers
- This campaign season was incredible to watch
- Delighted for the winners
- Luke Hopkins reported on the great volunteers and activities with Interior Dems.

Ad Hoc Vetting Committee

- James Smallwood: Research on how other states vet their candidates. Found that most state parties do not use a “vetting” process/committee. Suggested an “endorsement committee” as opposed to a “vetting” process/committee.
- Laura Herman: Discussed next moves from the draft they’ve crafted before the January 2019 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Carolyn Covington
Reported on AK Dems Revenue and Expenses. Report was submitted for audit.

Mat-Su Dems Report

Pete LeFrance and Pat Chesbro

- The House races caused an increase of active Dems in the Valley.
- Pat Chesbro reported the continued “lopsidedness” of low Dem performance in this region.
- Pointed to Julie Olsen’s suggestion of doing a survey of “what do people want?” and how do we re-establish our brand and messaging.
- Perhaps an educational process for new residents as well as the Hmong Community.
Financial Committee Report

Anita Thorn
Jay reported as Anita couldn’t attend this meeting
  o The committee is meeting regularly and focusing on monthly donors and large donor pool.
  o Holiday auction update. Goal is $25K-$30K for 2018. Cuddy Center at UAA will be the venue this year.
  o Karen Hansen event for AK Dems was a success to help our candidates.
    o Spoke to why candidates who declare early are able to do better in fundraising.

10 Min Break

2018 Election Report

Jay Parmley
Reported on the internal challenges.
  o Working to quantify how the 3-way governor’s race and Ballot Measure #1 impacted our races.
  o Report out at the January SCC meeting on election results.
  o Reported that volunteer recruitment was difficult until Walker left race.
  o DCCC did not give Alyse Galvin any money. (Lindbeck rec’d over $250K in 2016)
  o The entity who stepped up the most was the DNC.
  o Continue to evaluate activities/programs for future coordinated campaigns.

Coordinated Campaign Report

Helen Strain
Spoke to the AK Dems field program and the role of the field organizers. 139,000 phone calls, 12,000 doors knocked. New technology such as “Hustle” 168K texts sent out, 5K responses. Coordinated campaign was very robust.

A motion was made and seconded to call a special executive committee meeting to be held in December. Motion failed.

SE Regional Report

Edrick Carillo
  o Municipal races went pretty well, lost Juneau mayor.
  o We won every legislative seat in the region.
  o Solid volunteer base but will still continue to work hard.
  o Good turnout in the Valley.
  o February 1st, 2nd & 3rd next SCC meeting in Juneau.
Executive Director’s Report

Jay Parmley
  o Jeanne Devon will remain with the state party as Communications Director.
  o Helen Strain will through the April Municipal elections.
  o The office will be closed for the holidays from December 20th through January 3rd.

North Gulf Dems

Karyn Griffin
  o Reported on their campaign efforts with an emphasis on Begich.
  o Also reported on their efforts in the two-House races 29 and 31.

Brent Watkins
  o Reported that candidates showing up to events made a big difference.
  o Discussed a “participation lottery” - pull 3 names off the list and give them money.

Rural

No report

AKYD

Jed Drolet
  o Reported on last meeting, debriefing from elections.
  o Planning next steps.
  o Having a statewide AKYD convention to elect new officers.
  o Also spoke to bylaw updates.

Announcements

  o Elaine Lawrence reiterated the importance of candidates starting early.
  o Thank you to AK Executive Committee members who “got their family members to run...” Luke Hopkins and Pat Chesbro.
  o Laura Herman talked about how well the ACLU winning the right to vote for 4.4 million people across the country.

Adjourn at 2:30 pm.