PREAMBLE

The 43rd District Democrats are committed to increasing political participation and civic engagement, educating voters, and advancing Democratic values.

ARTICLE 1 – NAME, PURPOSE, AND POWERS

1.1 This organization shall be known as the 43rd District Democrats.

1.2 The 43rd District Democrats is the Legislative District Organization for the 43rd Legislative District of the State of Washington pursuant to the charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington and the bylaws of the WSDCC. It is the governing body for the Democratic Party within the 43rd Legislative District and shall be responsible for organizing and conducting Party affairs at the legislative district level.

1.3 The 43rd District Democrats shall have all powers and carry out all duties delegated to it by the charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington and the bylaws of the WSDCC.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

2.1 “Member” means and includes any individual who

(a) is a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or a lawful permanent resident (green card holder), aged 16 years old or older;
(b) resides within the 43rd Legislative District;
(c) declares themselves to be a Democrat; and
(d) has paid applicable dues or is a PCO.

2.2 “Non-Voting Member” means any individual who

(a) declares themselves to be a Democrat;
(b) is a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or a lawful permanent resident (green card holder), aged 16 years old or older; and
(c) has paid applicable dues but does not reside within the 43rd Legislative District.

Non-voting Members may participate in Meetings and other 43rd District Democrats events but do not have the right to vote on any matter.
2.3 The effective date when an individual becomes a Member is the earliest of:

(a) the date when their term of office as an Elected PCO begins;
(b) thirty (30) days after the date when the 43rd District Democrats recommend their appointment as an Appointed PCO;
(c) the date when applicable dues are paid, if the individual was a Member during the previous calendar year; or
(d) ten (10) days after paying applicable dues.

2.4 The effective date when an individual ceases to be a Member is the later of:

(a) the date when their term of office ends or the District Chair receives notice from the County Chair of the County Chair’s rejection of their appointment as Appointed PCO; or
(b) January 31st of the year following receipt of dues payment.

2.5 Dues are payable annually. The amount of the annual dues shall be established by and may be amended by the Membership using the procedures applicable to the adoption and amendment of the budget in §14.2.

2.6 Members shall not use any title of office or identify themselves as representing the 43rd District Democrats unless authorized by the Membership or the Executive Board.

2.7 All 43rd District Democrats members shall abide by the guidelines of the WSDCC Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE 3 – PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

3.1 “Elected PCO” means an individual who is elected to the office of Precinct Committee Officer pursuant to RCW 29A.80.041.

3.2 “Appointed PCO” means an individual who is appointed to the office of Precinct Committee Officer pursuant to RCW 29A.28.071. Except as may be otherwise provided in these bylaws, Appointed PCOs have the same rights and responsibilities as Elected PCOs, and the term PCO refers to both.

3.3 “Precinct Coordinator” means an individual who performs some of the functions of a PCO, such as “get out the vote” activities, in a precinct

(a) that does not have an Elected PCO or an Appointed PCO, and
(b) in which the individual does not reside.

The Chair shall appoint Precinct Coordinators, subject to approval by the Membership. An individual ceases to be a Precinct Coordinator upon the election of an Elected PCO or the appointment of an Appointed PCO for that precinct, but may be re-assigned to another precinct that has no PCO. All Precinct Coordinator appointments end December 1st of even-numbered years.
3.4 The County Chair shall appoint Appointed PCOs as provided by state law and the bylaws of
the KCDCC.

3.5 The Chair shall recommend individuals to the County Chair for appointment as Appointed
PCO for vacant precincts. The Chair shall not recommend any individual for appointment unless
that individual has been approved by a majority of the PCOs present and voting at a Meeting,
not counting abstentions. The name of any such individuals must be published at least ten (10)
days before the Meeting at which approval is sought. The Chair shall submit approved
recommendations to the County Chair within fifteen (15) days of approval.

3.6 No PCOs may be recommended to the County Chair or appointed between the certification
of the general election in even numbered years and the Reorganization Meeting following the
general election.

3.7 The term of an Elected PCO begins December 1st of the year they are elected and ends
December 1st of the next even-numbered year. The term of an Appointed PCO begins when the
County Chair signs the appointment and ends December 1st of the next even-numbered year.

3.8 A precinct is deemed vacant if the PCO

(a) dies;
(b) resigns from office;
(c) ceases to be a registered voter; or
(d) ceases to reside in the precinct from which the PCO was elected or appointed.

The Chair shall notify the membership of any vacancies that occur.

ARTICLE 4 – MEETINGS

4.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS
4.1.1 Twenty-five (25) Members shall constitute a quorum. With respect to any action requiring
PCO approval, fifteen (15) PCOs shall constitute a quorum.

4.2 MEETING TYPES
4.2.1 “Regular Meeting” means a regularly scheduled meeting of the 43rd District Democrats.
The time and date for a Regular Meeting may be altered by the Membership or the Executive
Board. Notice of any change in the time or date of a Regular Meeting must be published at least
thirty (30) days before the new meeting date.

4.2.2 “Special Meeting” means a Meeting other than a Regular Meeting or a Reorganization
Meeting. A Special Meeting may be called by one-fourth (1/4) of the members, one-third (1/3) of
the PCOs, or a majority of the Executive Board. Notice of a Special Meeting must be published
at least thirty (30) days before the meeting date.
4.2.3 “Reorganization Meeting” means a meeting called by the County Chair for the purpose of reorganizing the 43rd District Democrats

(a) in December of even-numbered years or January of odd-numbered years, or
(b) in a year in which the boundaries of the Legislative District are changed.

4.3 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

4.3.1 The Executive Board may propose Standing Rules for Remote Participation, regulating the use of teleconferencing, video conferencing, and communications technology for the purpose of enabling remote participation at 43rd District Democrats events.

4.3.2 Standing Rules for Remote Participation shall define the conditions under which a remote participant not physically present at the meeting shall be considered “present” for the purposes of determining quorum.

4.3.3 Standing Rules for Remote Participation may permit remote participation experiences that are limited or enable a reduced participatory experience with respect to that available to members physically present at the event. Remote participation systems permitted under Standing Rules for Remote Participation shall inform users of any limitations, shortcomings, or substantial differences in experience prior to their use of the system.

4.3.4 Standard Rules for Remote Participation shall be adopted upon a majority vote of members present and voting and shall go into effect no sooner than fifteen (15) days after their adoption.

ARTICLE 5 – DISTRICT OFFICERS

5.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.1.1 The Officers of the 43rd District Democrats shall be:

- the Chair,
- the Vice Chair,
- the Treasurer,
- the Secretary,
- the two (2) State Committee Members,
- the two (2) KCDCC Representatives,
- the two (2) KCDCC Alternates,
- the Young Democrats Representative, and
- the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

5.1.2 Each Officer position shall be held by at most one (1) individual at any time.
5.2 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5.2.1 The Chair shall
(a) act as the chief executive officer of the 43rd District Democrats;
(b) preside over meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board;
(c) serve as a member of the KCDCC executive board;
(d) make any appointments or recommendations authorized by these bylaws;
(e) appoint members to perform duties as the Chair deems necessary;
(f) report to the Executive Board and the membership regarding activities of the 43rd District Democrats;
(g) implement the policies of the 43rd District Democrats and the Executive Board; and
(h) provide oversight and review of the district treasury and related financial documents.

5.2.2 The Vice Chair shall
(a) in the absence of the Chair, preside over meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; and
(b) in the absence of the Chair, represent the 43rd District Democrats at party organization, for example, the KCDCC executive board.

5.2.3 The Treasurer shall
(a) maintain a bank or credit union account for the 43rd District Democrats;
(b) receive and disburse the funds of the 43rd District Democrats;
(c) maintain the financial records of the 43rd District Democrats;
(d) prepare and file applicable tax reports and returns;
(e) propose an annual budget to the Executive Board and Membership;
(f) provide periodic written financial reports to the Executive Board and Membership; and
(g) serve on the Fundraising Committee.

5.2.4 The Secretary shall
(a) keep the minutes of all meetings and all records of the 43rd District Democrats except those assigned to other Officers; and
(b) serve on the Communications Committee.

5.2.5 Each State Committee Member shall
(a) serve as a member of the WSDCC;
(b) notify the appropriate KCDCC Representative if they cannot attend a meeting of the WSDCC;
(c) report to the Executive Board and Membership regarding the activities, policies, and actions of the WSDCC; and
(d) serve on and actively participate in one of the Standing Committees.

5.2.6 Each KCDCC Representative shall
(a) serve as a member the executive board of the KCDCC;
(b) notify the appropriate KCDCC Alternate if they cannot attend a meeting of the KCDCC;
(c) report to the Executive Board and Membership regarding the activities, policies, and actions of the KCDCC;
(d) serve as an alternate State Committee Member;
(e) and serve on and actively participate in one of the Standing Committees.

5.2.7 Each KCDCC Alternate shall

(a) serve as an alternate member of the executive board of the KCDCC;
(b) notify the Chair if they cannot attend a meeting of the KCDCC; and
(c) serve on and actively participate in one of the Standing Committees.

5.3 ELECTION AND TERMS

5.3.1 Only PCOs may vote on the election of Chair, Vice Chair, State Committee Members, KCDCC Representatives, and KCDCC Alternates.

5.3.2 All Members may vote on the election or appointment of any Officer position not specified in 5.3.1.

5.3.3 Officers, except for the Young Democrats Representative, shall be elected by a majority of eligible voters present and voting, not counting abstentions. If no individual receives a majority in a round of voting, the individual receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated from consideration in the next round of voting. On case of a tie for fewest votes, there shall be a run off among those with the lowest vote total, eliminating the candidate receiving the lowest total in the runoff. Voting continues until an individual is elected. In the case of contested elections, voting is conducted by signed ballot.

5.3.4 The Young Democrats Representative shall be appointed by the Chair subject to the approval of a majority of Members present and voting at a Meeting, not counting abstentions. Any individual who is a member of a Young Democrats organization and resides within the 43rd Legislative District is eligible for appointment.

5.3.5 Elections and appointment votes for Officer positions shall be held at the Reorganization Meeting or at a Regular Meeting as necessary to fill a vacancy. When a vote is to be held at a Regular Meeting, notice must be Published at least ten (10) days before the meeting.

5.3.6 Each Officer shall serve until the earliest of

(a) the next Reorganization Meeting,
(b) the Officer's resignation, or
(c) the Officer's removal from office.

5.4 VACANCIES

5.4.1 In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall act as interim Chair. If the Vice Chair position is also vacant, the Officers shall elect by majority vote a current
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Officer to act as interim Chair. The interim Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair until the election of a new Chair. Election of a new chair shall take place at a regular meeting no more than 45 days after the resignation of the Chair. If a vacancy occurs after September 1 of an even-numbered year, the Vice Chair may act as interim Chair until the Reorganization Meeting.

5.4.2 A vacancy in the position of Young Democrats Representative shall be filled by appointment by the Chair subject to the approval by a majority of the Membership.

5.4.3 Following a vacancy in an Officer position, the Chair shall arrange for the position to be filled by election or approval vote conducted pursuant to 5.3.

5.5 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

5.5.1 Upon petition for removal signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the Elected PCOs, the 43rd District Democrats shall consider the removal of the Chair. The Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Elected PCOs present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions.

5.5.2 Upon petition for removal signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the PCOs, the 43rd District Democrats shall consider the removal of the Vice Chair, a State Committee Member, a KCDCC Representative, or a KCDCC Alternate. Any of these Officers may be removed two-thirds (2/3) of the PCOs present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions.

5.5.3 Upon petition for removal signed by one-fourth (1/4) of the Members or a majority of the Executive Board, the 43rd District Democrats shall consider the removal of the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Young Democrats Representative, or a Chair of a Standing Committee. Any of these Officers may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Members present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions.

5.5.4 A petition for removal must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which the removal of an Officer or member of the Executive Board will be considered.

5.5.5 In addition to removal under §9.3, the Chair may remove the Young Democrats Representative at their discretion.

ARTICLE 6 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.1 The Executive Board of the 43rd District Democrats is the administrative body of the 43rd District Democrats. It shall be responsible for planning, organizing, funding, and executing the work of the 43rd District Democrats. It reserves the sole right to represent and act on behalf of the 43rd District Democrats, with the consent of the Membership.

6.2 The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers defined under §5.1.1.

6.2 The Executive Board may define other positions within the 43rd District Democrats at their
discretion. All such positions shall be appointed by the Chair. All appointments to such positions shall be subject to approval by majority vote of Members present and voting at a General Membership meeting. Positions not specified in the bylaws are not members of the Executive Board and expire at the next reorganization meeting.

6.3 A quorum of the Executive Board shall be fifty percent (50%) of the number of non-vacant positions on the Executive Board rounded down, plus one (1).

6.4 The Executive Board shall establish a regular monthly meeting for the purpose of planning and directing the policies and activities of the 43rd District Democrats. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by a majority of its members.

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

7.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1.1 The committees of the 43rd District Democrats shall consist of Standing Committees and Special Committees.

7.1.2 Each committee shall have a name and charter statement identifying its purpose and responsibilities and may adopt rules governing its operations.

7.1.3 Each committee shall have one (1) Chair.

7.1.4 Committee members may be added or removed at the Committee Chair’s discretion, except where the individual’s membership is dictated by rule or bylaws, or where otherwise specified.

7.2 STANDING COMMITTEES

7.2.1 The Standing Committees of the 43rd District Democrats shall be

(a) the Elections Committee,
(b) the PCO Committee,
(c) the Membership Committee,
(d) the Communications Committee,
(e) the Technology Committee,
(f) the Fundraising Committee,
(g) the Meetings and Events Committee, and
(h) the Policy and Advocacy Committee.

7.2.2 Elections, appointments, removals, and the handling of vacancies of Standing Committee Chairs shall be performed pursuant to the provisions regarding Officers in Article 5.

7.2.3 Standing Committees are permanent and do not expire.
7.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7.3.1 The Special Committees of the 43rd Democrats shall be
(a) the Treasury Committee,
(b) the Code of Conduct Committee,
(c) the Rules and Bylaws Committee, and
(d) those committees established by the Executive Board pursuant to this section.

7.3.2 The Executive Board may create, disband, and delegate responsibilities to Special Committees at its discretion, except that no responsibility assigned to a Standing Committee by these bylaws may be delegated to a Special Committee without the consent of the Standing Committee Chair.

7.3.3 Special Committees established by the Executive Board expire no later than the next Reorganization Meeting following their creation and may expire at an earlier date if specified by the Executive Board.

7.3.4 Special Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Chair of the 43rd District Democrats. Any Member may be appointed Chair of a Special Committee. Such appointments expire no later than the next Reorganization Meeting following the start of the appointment.

7.4 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

7.4.1 The Elections Committee shall be responsible for work related to elections for political office, including but not limited to endorsements, organizing caucuses, and “Get Out the Vote” activities.

7.4.2 The PCO Committee shall be responsible for work related to PCOs, including but not limited to recruiting, registration, training, and support. The Committee shall maintain a database of current PCOs within the 43rd Legislative District, to include at minimum each PCO’s full name, mailing address within the 43rd Legislative District, and such contact information as has been provided by the PCO.

7.4.3 The Membership Committee shall be responsible for work related to the recruitment, retention, and engagement of the membership of the 43rd Legislative District. The Committee shall maintain a database of current members, to include at minimum each member’s full name, mailing address within the 43rd Legislative District, and such contact information as has been provided by the member.

7.4.4 The Communications Committee shall be responsible for communications between the 43rd District Democrats and its membership and/or the general public, including but not limited to the publishing of documents, statements, and press releases, maintenance of online content, and public relations activities.

7.4.5 The Technology Committee shall be responsible for the procurement, maintenance, and administration of the information technology infrastructure, services, accounts and other resources of the 43rd District Democrats.
7.4.6 The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of all fundraising activities for the 43rd District Democrats. The Committee shall organize at least two annual fundraising events.

7.4.7 The Meetings and Events Committee shall be responsible for the programming, operations, and logistics for 43rd District Democrats meetings and events.

7.4.8 The treasury committee shall be responsible for the budget and finances of the 43rd District Democrats. It shall be chaired by the Treasurer. The District Chair shall appoint a Deputy Treasurer to serve as Vice Chair for the Committee, subject to approval by the Membership. The Deputy Treasurer shall:

(a) assist the Treasurer in performing the above duties as the Treasurer and/or Chair assigns
(b) with the Treasurer, co-chair the Treasury Committee
(c) prepare and file tax reports if the Treasurer is unable to do so.

7.4.9 The Code of Conduct Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and development of a Code of Conduct for the 43rd District Democrats, and the investigation of reports of Code of Conduct violations. The Committee shall consist of the District Vice Chair, the Membership Committee Chair, Communications Committee Chair, with the District Vice Chair serving as Committee Chair. Any member of the Code of Conduct Committee shall recuse themselves if they are the target of a violation report or have a conflict of interest in the investigation and the 43rd District Democrats Chair shall appoint a temporary replacement.

7.4.10 The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and development of the standing rules and bylaws of the 43rd District Democrats. The Committee shall prepare and present at each Reorganization Meeting a report on the status of the rules and bylaws and any amendments recommended by the Committee.

7.4.11 The Policy and Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for organizing members in support of policies in line with the platform and adopted resolutions of the 43rd District Democrats. Where possible, the committee shall work in conjunction with and in support of community organizations and elected officials with similar goals.

ARTICLE 8 – RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Members and Non-Voting Members may propose resolutions.

8.2 Except as provided in §8.3, proposed resolutions must be submitted in writing, or electronically to the Chair and Secretary, at least fourteen (14) days before the Meeting at which the proposed resolution will be considered. Proposed resolutions must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which the proposed resolution will be considered.

8.3 Proposed resolutions that are not timely submitted or published may nonetheless be considered at a meeting if
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(a) the proposed resolution is submitted in writing to the Chair before the scheduled start time of the Meeting;
(b) the proponent supplies at least fifty (50) copies of the proposed resolution for distribution to Members at the Meeting; and
(c) two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present vote to consider the resolution.

8.4 Resolutions must be approved by a majority of the Members present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions, except that proposed resolutions considered under §8.3 must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions.

8.5 Any resolution that explicitly declares support for:

(a) a candidate or campaign within an election, or
(b) a campaign or position on a ballot measure regardless of whether the measure has qualified to be placed on the ballot

shall be considered a motion to endorse the same, and shall be subject to the provisions governing endorsements defined under Article 10.

8.6 Any resolution that explicitly calls for the censure of an individual shall be considered a motion to censure the same, and shall be subject to the provisions governing censure defined under Article 9.

ARTICLE 9 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

9.1 CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS

9.1.1 The Code of Conduct Committee shall have sole authority to conduct such investigations and to issue rulings on whether a violation has occurred. It shall investigate all reports of violations by Members of the WSDCC Code of Conduct or any Code of Conduct adopted by the 43rd District Democrats.

9.1.2 Upon conclusion of an investigation, the Code of Conduct Committee shall issue an investigation report to the Executive Board detailing its findings and what disciplinary actions if any is recommended by the Committee. If the Committee finds that a violation occurred, its report may recommend one or more disciplinary actions to take in response to said violation. Regardless of the outcome of the investigation, the report may recommend other non-disciplinary actions for the Executive Board and/or the Membership to take, such as amending the rules or bylaws.

9.1.3 The Code of Conduct Committee shall propose Rules for Code of Conduct Investigations governing the execution of Code of Conduct investigations and imposition of disciplinary actions.
9.2 CENSURE

9.2.1 Members may move that the 43rd District Democrats censure a Member; an officer or official of the national party, state party, KCDCC, or 43rd District Democrats; an elected official or candidate that the 43rd District Democrats has previously endorsed; or any other individual. A censure is an official public statement by the 43rd District Democrats condemning, reprimanding, or disapproving of specific conduct of an individual.

9.2.2 Motions for censure must be submitted in writing, or electronically to the Chair and Secretary, at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting at which the censure motion will be considered.

9.2.3 The Executive Board may make reports and recommendations to the Membership regarding motions for censure.

9.2.4 A motion for censure must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which it will be considered. In addition, the Chair or the Chair’s designee shall mail notice of the motion for censure to the subject at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which the motion will be considered.

9.2.5 Motions to censure must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions.

ARTICLE 10 – ENDORSEMENTS

10.1 The 43rd District Democrats may endorse candidates for elected office and take positions on ballot measures. Endorsements may be revoked using the same procedures used for making endorsements.

10.2 In order to provide campaigns a fair chance to comply with changing requirements, standing rules governing matters related to endorsements shall go into effect no earlier than fifteen (15) days following their adoption.

10.3 To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate in a partisan race must declare as a Democrat.

10.4 The Executive Board may make reports and recommendations to the Membership regarding endorsements, including note of a candidate’s contributions to the 43rd District Democrats.

10.5 Notice that endorsements will be considered must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which endorsements will be considered.

10.6 Endorsements must be approved by at least sixty percent (60%) of the Members present and voting at the Meeting, not counting abstentions. More than one (1) candidate for the same office may be endorsed.
10.7 The 43rd District Democrats may not endorse any candidate prior to the start of candidate filing or a ballot measure prior to the issuing of an official ballot title or the filing of charges in the case of a recall petition unless

(a) notice is published at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting at which the endorsement will be considered; and
(b) the endorsement is approved by at least ninety percent (90%) of the Members present and voting, not counting abstentions.

ARTICLE 11 – BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

11.1 No money shall be paid from the funds of the 43rd District Democrats except by bank or credit union account transaction through the Treasurer or the Chair. No Member other than the Treasurer or Chair may incur a debt or otherwise obligate the 43rd District Democrats for the future payment of funds without approval of the Treasurer, Chair, or Executive Board. In the case that either or both the Chair and Treasurer are incapacitated, the Vice Chair or Deputy Treasurer will assume the duties of either the Chair or Treasurer respectively, with email notice to the Executive Board, within 24 hours of learning either the Chair or Treasurer is unable to perform their duties. Membership will be notified of these special circumstances within seven days.

11.2 The Membership shall approve a budget. The budget must be adopted and may be amended by a majority of the Members present and voting at a Meeting, not counting abstentions. Notice that the adoption or amendment of the budget will be considered must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which action on the budget will be considered.

11.3 The Chair, Treasurer, or Executive Board may authorize expenditures for budgeted items.

11.4 The Executive Board may authorize non-budgeted expenditures of one hundred dollars ($100.00) or less, except that the 43rd District Democrats may not authorize any contributions to any candidate, ballot issue, or political committee, or any activity related to a Political Action Committee (PAC), or any other expenditure that would invalidate the 43rd District Democrats’ standing as a non-profit organization. Neither the Chair, nor Executive Board, nor PCOs, nor Membership may overrule the provisions of this subsection.

11.5 Prior to passage of the budget, the Executive Board may authorize reasonable expenditures as necessary to maintain the 43rd District Democrats.

11.6 Upon election of a new Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer, along with the Deputy Treasurer (outgoing and incoming, if applicable) and Chair and Vice Chair (outgoing and incoming, if applicable) shall formally transfer the treasury. This shall include a formal review of the financial books and transfer of control and access to all accounts used by the 43rd District Democrats (such as bank, merchant services, and other financial, as well as reporting databases). All shall sign a transfer document attesting to completeness of the records.
ARTICLE 12 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 These bylaws shall become effective upon a majority vote of the PCOs present and voting at a Meeting, not counting abstentions. These bylaws shall be continuous and remain in effect until or unless amended pursuant to §12.2.

12.2 These bylaws may be amended if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the PCOs present and voting at a Meeting, not counting abstentions. Notice of proposed amendments to the bylaws must be published at least ten (10) days before the Meeting at which the amendment of the bylaws will be considered; or (b) at a Reorganization Meeting by a simple majority of the Elected PCOs present and voting; or (c) at the first Regular Meeting following Reorganization by a simple majority of the PCOs present and voting.

12.3 These bylaws may not be suspended for any purpose.

12.4 State law and the charter and bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington shall govern in case of conflict with these bylaws.

12.5 In the event of a nominating convention, the 43rd District Democrats shall comply with the bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.

12.6 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the 43rd District Democrats in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the 43rd District Democrats may adopt.

12.7 The records and membership list of the 43rd District Democrats shall be made available as provided in the 43rd District Democrats’ endorsement procedures or as required by law. The records and membership list shall not be used for any other purpose, unless approved by a majority of the Executive Board, with notice to the membership.

ARTICLE 13 – DEFINITIONS

13.1 For the purposes of these bylaws and unless otherwise indicated:
   (a) “Precinct Coordinator” shall have the meaning set forth in §3.3.
   (b) “Appointed PCO” shall have the meaning set forth in §3.2.
   (c) “Chair” means the Chair of the 43rd District Democrats.
   (d) “Communications Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.4.
   (e) “County Chair” means the chair of the KCDCC.
   (f) “Elected PCO” shall have the meaning set forth in §3.1.
   (g) “Elections Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.1.
(h) “Executive Board” shall have the meaning set forth in §6.1.
(i) “Fundraising Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.6.
(j) “KCDCC” means the King County Central Democratic Committee.
(k) “Legislative District” means the 43rd Legislative District.
(l) “Meeting” means a Regular Meeting, Special Meeting or Reorganization Meeting.
(m) “Member” shall have the meaning set forth in §2.1.
(n) “Membership Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.3.
(o) “Membership” means the Members assembled at a Meeting of the 43rd District Democrats.
(p) “Non-voting Member” shall have the meaning set forth in §2.2.
(q) “Officer” means and the individuals described in §5.1.1.
(r) “PCO” means Precinct Committee Officer. The term includes “Elected PCOs” and “Appointed PCOs.”
(s) “PCO Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.2.
(t) “Meetings and Events Committee” means the committee described in §7.4.7.
(u) “Publish” means to disseminate information or notice to members by U.S. Mail or email. Information or notice is considered “published” when the communication is deposited in the U.S. Mail or sent by email.
(v) “Regular Meeting” shall have the meaning set forth in §4.1.
(w) “Reorganization Meeting” shall have the meaning set forth in §4.3.
(x) “Special Meeting” shall have the meaning set forth in §4.2.
(y) “Standing Committee” means and includes the committees set forth in §7.2.1.
(z) “WSDCC” means the Washington State Democratic Central Committee.