

46th Legislative District Democrats

January 14, 2023 | 11:00 am | Meeting called by King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC)

Biennial Reorganization Meeting

Location: Meeting held online via ZOOM with an in-person accommodation at the Lake City Library
12501 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

DRAFT submitted by Kristiana Beverlin and Rachel Woodbrook

Called to Order by the Chair, Jeremy Barksdale (KCDCC), at 11:33am.

The Chair provided a Welcome Statement and Land Acknowledgement.

The following officers were appointed to aid the Chair in running the meeting:

- Secretary- Kristina Beverlin
- Parliamentarian- James Barker
- Credentialing- Christy Wood

Credentialing Report from Christy Wood: 65 PCOs present, for 63%.

Adoption of Agenda. The Chair requested a motion to adopt the agenda. 11:35am

- Moved by Deborah Nissen
- Seconded by Melissa Taylor

Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. Hearing none, the Chair ruled that the agenda was approved.

Adoption of meeting rules. The Chair asked if there was a motion to adopt the meeting rules. 11:40am

- Moved by Melissa Taylor
- Seconded by Deborah Nissen

Tara Gallagher moved to amend the meeting rules by striking the last two sentences of Rule 22: "After each speech, two speakers may speak in favor of each candidate for one minute. No speech against a candidate is allowed."

- Seconded by Melissa Taylor

Tabling of meeting rules vote. The chair requested that the vote on meeting rules be tabled until after a Bylaws vote of the PCOs.

- Moved by Deborah Nissen
- Seconded by Mark Hennon

The chair asked if there was any objection to tabling. Hearing none, the vote on the meeting rules was tabled.

Bylaws vote. The Chair explained that there were two sets of Bylaws with conflicting information on how the LD Treasurer position is filled. One dated December 2022 and the other dated January 2021. Scott Forbes moved to ratify the changes to the Bylaws made during the January 2021 meeting.

- Seconded by Julie Anne Kempf

After a brief presentation by Scott Forbes and Julie Anne Kempf, the Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion. Hearing none, the Chair ruled that the motion passed.

Adoption of meeting rules. The vote on the amendment to strike the last two sentences of Rule 22 is reestablished. A discussion of credentialing occurs. The Chair ruled that all comments must be saved for the Good of the Order.

Al Lee moved to “Appeal the decision of the Chair”.

- Seconded by Betty Means

The ballot read: Should the Chair's decision to postpone feedback about a comment made during the meeting be postponed until the Good of the Order be sustained?

- Yes – 78 votes
- No – 25 votes
- Abstain – 0 votes

The Chair’s ruling was sustained.

Ballot on amending Rule 22 asks: “Should the last 2 sentences of rule 22 be removed from the rules?”

- Yes – 94 votes
- No – 10 votes
- Abstain – 1 vote

Leon Norton moved to adjourn. The Chair ruled the motion out of order as there was already another motion on the floor. The Chair asked if there was any objection to adopting the rules as amended. Hearing none, the Chair ruled that the meeting rules were adopted.

Election of the Chair of the 46th LD. Hunter Brown and Andrzej Montano were nominated. A question about quorum was asked. The Chair noted that over 40 members or 10% of the voting membership is required. The Chair ruled that quorum requirements were met.

Julie Anne Kempf requested a credentialing report for PCOs. Christy Wood reported that 55 PCOs were present for the vote. Both candidates spoke. Ballots were launched at 3:34pm.

Results:

- Hunter Brown – 35 votes -elected
- Andrzej Montano – 27 votes

Rachel Woodbrook continued as Secretary in place of Kristina Beverlin who needed to leave.

Newly elected Chair of the 46th LD, Hunter Brown, requested that Jeremy Barksdale continue to Chair the meeting, and that KCDCC continue to run tally and credentialing to ensure the meeting continued to operate without delay. Jeremy Barksdale agreed to continue as Chair and have KCDCC run the meeting.

Election of the Vice-Chair. Lisa Rivera Smith and Jordan DeMaria were nominated. Both candidates spoke. Ballots were launched at 3:56pm.

Results:

- Lisa Rivera Smith – 41 votes - elected
- Jordan DeMaria – 17 votes

WSDCC Representative Positions 1 and 2. Tara Gallagher, Scott Forbes, Andrzej Montano, and Julie Anne Kempf were nominated. The Chair notes that all candidates will be on a single ballot. PCOs will vote for up to two people on the ballot. If voting for two people, PCOs must vote for people of differing genders. Candidates speak. Ballots were launched at 4:26pm.

Results:

- Tara Gallagher – 38 votes - elected
- Scott Forbes – 36 votes -elected
- Andrzej Montano – 23 votes
- Julie Anne Kempf – 21 votes

KCDCC Representative Positions 1 and 2. Galaxy Marshall and Alex Phillips-White were nominated. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, both candidates were elected.

KCDCC Alternate Positions 1 and 2. Rob Jenks and Bryce Cannatelli were nominated. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, both candidates were elected.

A credentials report of membership in attendance was provided. Quorum requirements were met. The body was notified that the remaining positions are voted upon by the full membership.

Secretary. Rachel Woodbrook was nominated. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, she was elected.

Member At-Large Positions 1-9. Nominations received in advance of the meeting: Kathy Bentson, Marc Auerbach, Scott Aslpach, Aidan Carroll, Brian Berry, Mario Falit-Baiamonte, Debbie Carlsen, Sylvia Haven, and Melissa Taylor. Nominations from the floor: Andrzej Montano, Drew Pollom, Erica Lee, and Julie Anne Kempf.

Gerry Pollet requested that all nominees be elected. He asked for parliamentary review of the Bylaws. The Parliamentarian informed the Chair that electing more than nine people would require a bylaws change. The Chair ruled that only nine people may be elected.

Julie Anne Kempf declined the nomination. All candidates, with the exception of Andrzej Montano, gave speeches.

Ballots opened at 5:30pm (ballots closed at 5:46pm).

Henry Pollet noted that Andrzej Montano did not speak and asked if he should be on the ballot. Henry Pollet notified the body that Andrzej Montano declined the nomination. An inquiry was made about Deborah Nissen's eligibility. The Chair noted that she was not nominated and nominations were closed.

Motion on February Meeting. Melissa Taylor moved that the February Meeting be held virtually, with an in-person accommodation, as practical, for those that need it.

- Seconded by Bryce Cannatelli

The Chair called for objections. Hearing none, the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. Matthew Lang moved to adjourn as soon as the results for the positions of Member-At-Large were finalized.

- Seconded by Debbie Carlsen

Discussion occurred. The Parliamentarian noted that the motion was in order. A ballot was created.

Results for Member At-Large Positions 1-9. The Tally Committee announced that results for Positions 1-9 of Member-At-Large are ready. Results:

- Kathy Bentson 75 - elected
- Marc Auerbach 78 - elected
- Scott Alspach 65 - elected
- Aidan Carroll 57 - elected
- Brian Berry 32
- Mario Falit-Baiamonte 64 - elected
- Debbie Carlsen 62 - elected
- Sylvia Haven 67 - elected
- Melissa Taylor 59 - elected
- Drew Pollom 34
- Erica Lee 74 - elected

Results for Motion to adjourn. More than 85% of the members present voted in the affirmative to adjourn once tally results for all elected positions were finalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14pm.